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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

The Sixth book of records of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on
Ministry and Oversight
– 1st Month 31st 1912 –

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, on Ministry and Oversight - held at Providence First mo - 31 - 1912 -

REPRESENTIVES

By reports received from the several monthly meetings the fol- Friends are appointed to act as representatives - to this meeting - from

Rhode Island Isaac Macomber, Nellie Thurston, Eunice A. Green, Exie Estes -
East Greenwich. Carrie G. Buffinton, E. Annah Tucker, Hannah E. Bennet -
Swansea Chas. A. Chace, Eliza A. Sisson, Marianna N. Chace.
Providence Asenath Tetlow, Eliza A. Gifford, William H. Butler, Louisa N. Meader, Chas. Sisson, Eliza A. Butler

who are present except four -

ELDERS.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting recommends the following Friends to serve as Elders for a term of three years. Eunice A. Green, Laura A. Oswell, Mary W. Macomber, Frederick W. Holman, and Nellie P. Thurston - these nominations have been duly considered, and this meeting expresses its approval -

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

Rhode Island Spiritual life and attendance same as last report, at Newport special meetings among Sailors resulted in several conversions one conversion reported at Portsmouth - ministry well adapted to needs -

EAST GREENWICH

SUMMARY OF REPORTS CONTINUED.

Greenwich- Anthony meeting reports smaller attendance in meetings for worship, but an encouraging advance in the Junior Endeavor new members added. Usual interest in Bible school - at East Greenwich the spiritual condition reported good increasing interest in Bible class.

Swansea This monthly meeting reports a decided spirit of harmony, ministry well adapted to the needs of the meetings. A decided increase in attendance and interest in the Fall River Bible school and Somerset reports a substantial increase in personal testimony in meeting.

Providence reports faithful attendance in local meeting ministry helpful and instructive a source of strength to old and young. interesting Bible school, and a home missionary society doing good work At Saylesville small attendance at morning service no increase during past year. but Bible school in good condition with much interest -

VISITING MINISTERS

We have enjoyed the presence and messages of our brethren in the ministry. Charles H. Jones from Salem Quar. Meet. and William Thompson from Sandwich Quar. Meet. we welcome them into our midst and pray that God will vouchsafe to them many years of active fruitful service —

Having concluded the business before us we conclude to meet at East Greenwich at the appointed time if the Lord permit —

Oscar G. Moshier
clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich 5th Mo - 1st 1912 -

By accounts received from the local meetings the following Friends are reported as representatives

Rhode Island Anna L. Manchester, Laura Criswell
John S. Kimber -
Greenwich Carrie G. Buffinton, E. Annah Tucker
Hannah E. Bennett -
Swansea Frances A. Estes Adeline F. Chace
Charles Estes —
Providence Sarah J. Hanson, Louisa N. Meader
Charles Sisson, Asenath Titlow
Hannah P. Ladd -
all of whom are present.

appointment of clerks

The time having expired for which the clerks are appointed the Meeting is united in the re-appointment of Oscar G. Mostrom for clerk and E. Annah Tucker for assistant-clerk -

Queries reports etc -

The Queries have been read at this time together with the reports from the various meetings describing their present spiritual state, and a summary of which is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting.

by our representatives who are appointed as follows - John J. Kimber, Charles A. Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Sarah J. Hanson, Asenath Tetlow, Oscar G. Mostrom Charles Estes, Adeline F. Chace -

Elders

The following Friends have been recommended by Greenwich Monthly Meeting to serve as Elders for the term of three years - Elvira M. Percy Sarah M. Carpenter, Henry D. Tucker - Swansea Mo. Meeting - A. Felix Burns Mary A. Gage, Sarah B. Corey, A. Homer Skinner -

The following committee are appointed to bring forward a subject for discussion at our next regular meeting - Oscar G. Mostrom, Eric Estes, John J. Kimber Mary E. Kimber ——

We have enjoyed the presence and message of our brother in the ministry William P. Macomber from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Present Membership

Rhode Island Ministers - (5) John S. Kimber Mary E. Kimber James M. Estes, Exie Estes, Annie C. Sherman.

Elders (13) Anna L. Manchester Cornelia A. Barker. Laura A. Orswell Cordelia Lawrence Mary W. Macomber Hannah C. Borden Fred. W. Holman Carrie B. Slocum, Frederica Bolti Edward C. Faulkner, Eunice A. Green Isaac B. Macomber, Nellie P. Munston

Overseers (10) Winfield S. Sisson × Frederica Bolti. Emily A. Holman Alfred H. Borden, Mary A. Chase × Annah L. Manchester, × Cordelia Lawrence William H. Chase Emma Hambly Archie E. Luther - Total membership 25 -

Greenwich. ministers (4) Anna F. Brown Byron O. Salisbury William H. Perry E. Annah Tucker -

E. Greenwich overseers

Henry D. Tucker
Christopher A. Shippie -
Carrie G. Buffinton

Elders (8) Elvira M. Perry, Sarah M. Carpenter Henry D. Tucker, Christopher A. Shippie. Hannah E. Bennett John Babcock Carrie G. Buffinton Ellen Lockwood total (12)

Swansea Ministers Henry C. Aydelott, Nancy A. H. Chace, Oscar G. Mostrom - (3)

Elders (9) Adeline F. Chace, Eliza A. Sisson A. Felix Burns - Sarah B. Corey Mary A. Gage - A. Homer Skinner Elizabeth S. Newton - Caroline W. De Blois Lucinda B. Briggs -

Overseers - (11) Charles Estes - Charles A. Chace Henry E. Chace Ralph Earle Frances A. Estes - Emma B. Buffinton Robert A. Lawton. Mariana N. Chace - Eliza A. Sisson - Phineas D. Fletcher - Amelia Wild - Total 23.

Membership. Providence. Ministers (4) Thomas J. Battey William H. Butler Thomas J. Ingram Thomas Y. Jackson—

Elders (13) Sarah J. Hanson Louisa N. Meader, Eliza A. Butler Hannah P. Ladd Albert R. Macomber. M. Augusta Battey Susan Peckham Valentine E. Meader Seth K. Gifford Elizabeth A. Gifford Willis H. White— S. Caroline Tobey— Asenath Tetlow.

Overseers (11) Walter Taylor. ×Sarah J. Hanson William Richardson, ×Eliza A. Butler, ×Valentine E. Meader, ×Louisa N. Meader, Emily S. White. Fredolyn Southwell— Elizabeth Johnston Elmira Meader. Anna A. Meader—

Total membership (24.

Total membership of Quarterly Meeting in ministry and Oversight 84—

Summary of reports.

A summary of reports received from local meetings is as follows. Favorable mention is made of acceptable and efficient work of the ministry and that it meets the needs of the congregations—

There is no particular change in the attendance upon public worship, we have on the whole received favorable reports on "the relations ~~of~~ one to another and to" the world— One meeting reports largely harmonious but yet not sufficient to secure the thorough going active cooperation in church work that might easily be possible—

Some of our members show by their activity they have the work of the church and its activities at heart. Newport continues its special work among the sailors, and has one minister actively engaged in missionary work in Jamaica B.W.I. One member of Fall River meeting is assisting in Bible school work at Stafford Road - Somerset Friends have had a very interesting experience at Freetown, and there assisted by Ruth M. Boyce have had some conversions and additions to the church on confession of Faith - Providence reports progress in their Bible school work W.F.M. society and evening service - Portsmouth reports "new evidences of spiritual gifts among its members, toward the development of which care is extended —

Having concluded the business before us we adjourn to meet at Newport at the appointed time should the Lord permit.

Oscar G. Mostrom
clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport 7th Mo. 31st 1912 —

By reports received from the local meetings the following Friends are appointed delegates
Rhode Island — Annah L. Manchester James M. Estes. Mary E. Kimber Isaac Macomber —
Providence — Sarah J. Hancox Laura H. Meader, Susan Peckham Valentine E. Meader —
Swansea — Samuel L. Haworth Oscar G. Mosteson. Chas A. Chace
East Greenwich — Ellen Lockwood E. Annah Tucker — who are present except five —

The following Friends are recommended by Providence Monthly Meeting to serve as Elders for a term of three years — Elizabeth A. Gifford, Chas Sisson, Asenath Fetlow, S. Caroline Tobey Mary A. Gifford, Willis H. White. Francis Neal — these nominations have been duly considered and Providence Monthly Meeting are at liberty to proceed with their appointment —

A summary of the reports received are as follows — one meeting reports additions to the membership and a spirit of unity and Christian fellowship prevailing among their members — another reports a good work among the sailors and help received from visiting ministers as inspiring and helpful - and all report that the ministry is adapted to the needs of the congregations -

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to bring forward a subject for discussion is continued -

There being no further business we conclude to meet at Fall River at the appointed time if the Lord permit —

Oscar G. Mostrom
clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight Held at Fall River Mass. 11th Month 6th 1912

The Clerks being absent Hannah P. Ladd and Mary E. Kimber were appointed clerks for the day.

By reports from the subordinate meetings we are informed that the representatives appointed to attend
Representatives from R-I. this meeting are as follows, viz- Nellie P. Thurston, Mary E. Kimber, Evie Estes, and Mary W. Macomber.
Greenwich Carrie T. Buffington, Ellen Lockwood, and Hannah T. Bennett,
Swansea Francis A. Estes, Amelia Wilde, A. Homer Skinner, Robert Lawson and Eliza A. Sisson.
Providence Asenath Tetlow, M. Augusta Battey, Willis H. White, Hannah P. Ladd and W. H. Butler. These names being called five were absent.

The queries have been read at this time and were followed by the usual reports from the several Local meetings in this Quarterly Meeting.

Newport The spiritual condition of the congregation is very good, and care is taken to stir up spiritual gifts and develope the same.

Portsmouth The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is much the same and the Sabbath morning service and the Bible school are well attended.

Greenwich The usual interest continues.

Anthony There is a manifest spirit of christian unity and we are favored with the ministry of Thomas Ingham two First days of each month.

Swansea There has been an increase of interest in the evening meetings by having the leadership of Samuel L. Haywarth. Oscar G. Mostrom who has been our faithful pastor for two years having resigned Frank E. Jones has accepted our call as pastor.

Providence The First day evening meetings have taken on new life by having a change of subjects for each night.

The subject brought before this meeting for discussion was "How to increase the interest in our evening meetings and get more people to attend". Samuel L. Haywarth opened the discussion, and others followed. Samuel L. Haywarth, Mary E. Kimber, A. Homer Skinner, and Exie Estes were appointed a committee to provide a subject for discussion at our next meeting at Providence R. I.

Oscar G. Mostrom having tendered his resignation James M. Estes was appointed to serve as clerk for the balance of the year.

Having accomplished the business coming before us, we adjourn to meet at Providence at the usual time in 2d month next if the Lord permit.

Hannah P. Ladd clerk for the day-

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence Second month 5th 1913-

By the accounts received from our subordinate meetings we are informed that the following Friends are representatives to this meeting viz:

Representatives from

Rhode Island Eunice A. Green, Nellie P. Thurston, Anna L. Manchester, and Isaac B. Macomber

Swansea Adaline F. Chace, Charles Estes, Frances A. Estes, Maryanna N. Chace and A. Homer Skinner-

Greenwich Carrie G. Buffington, E. Anna Tucker, and Anna F. Brown.

Providence Louise N. Meader, C. Caroline Tobey, Albert K. Macomber and Mira Meader.

Of these 8 were absent.

A summary of reports A summary of the reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings is as follows viz:

Newport & Portsmouth There is a brighter outlook. The work continues among the Chinese and sailors. There has been a " revival at Portsmouth with good results, two have joined the meeting and more will join later.

Fall River This meeting has co-opperated with Men and Religion Movement and in "the federation of churches, There is often more men than women First-day morning-

Swansea The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people. The pastor has revived the Christian Endeavor Society and organized a Junior C. Endeavor.

Anthony Thomas Ingraham has visited this meeting two First days of each month, and report the conditions about the same. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society maintain a good interest.

Greenwich This meeting reports more life in their meetings of worship, and the Bible class is a help in spiritual things.

Elders The monthly meetings of R.I., Fall River, and Greenwich have reported the names of the following persons as suitable to occupy the position of Elder in their respective meetings for the unexpired term or for three years viz:

Rhode Island Edward C. Faulkner,

Swansea For unexpired term, H. Emma Skinner, and Luella E. Jones, and for 3 years Elizabeth S. Newton, Caroline W. De Blois and Lucinda B. Briggs.

Greenwich Christopher A. Shippee, and Hannah E. Bennett.

This meeting gives approval to the above names to the station of Elder.

Committee The committee appointed to arrange for a subject for discussion brought forward the following viz: What is effective pastoral work in the Society of Friends and who should do it." The subject was opened by Samuel L. Hayworth and others followed him. The following are some of the thoughts expressed in the discussion viz:

The pastor must be interested in

human beings for their own interest, Jesus was interested in the man.

Many do not know the way as we should know it, and therefore they need a leader as prefigured by the shepherds of the East. George Fox was a born leader, as well as a trained leader. We should make a place for the development of leaders. The pastors are not the only persons that can "do effective pastoral work", but all who know the way and are qualified to lead. The leader wants to be so close to the people, that they will follow. This involves an interest in the will of God, and for all people, so that when the pastor preaches a sermon, the object will to reach men for God. One speaker suggested, that the most effective work could be done among, and for the young men and women.

The same committee were continued to bring forward a subject for consideration at our next meeting at East Greenwich 4th Mo. 30th 1913.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished, we adjourn to meet at East Greenwich 4th Mo. 30th 1913, if the Lord will.

James M. Estes Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held
at East Greenwich 4th Mo. 30th 1913.

By accounts received from our
subordinate meetings we are inform-
ed that the representatives to
Represen- this meeting are as follows Viz;
tatives Isaac B. Macomber, Mary W. Macomber,
R. I. Fridrika Boltie, and James M. Estes
Ellen Lockwood, C. A. Shippee, Henry D.
Greenwich Tucker, and Anna F. Brown

Swansea

Hannah P. Ladd, Sarah J. Hanson, Lou-
Providence isa N. Meador, Wm. H. Butler, and Valen-
tine E. Meador.

Of these three were absent.
The time having expired for which
Clerks the clerks were appointed, Charles A.
Chase on behalf of the representa-
tives propose the name of James M.
Estes for clerk and E. Anna Tucker
for ascistant clerk with which the
meeting unites and they are appoint-
ed to serve in that capacity for
the ensuing year.

Queries The queries have been read at this time

Summary A sumary of the spiritual condition
of our several congregations is di-
rected to be prepared and forwarded to
the ensuing Yearly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight by our representatives
Represent- viz; Sarah J. Hanson, C. A. Shippee, Charles
atives A. Chase, Isaac B. Macomber, Louise N.
to Y. M. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd and E. Anna
Tucker.

Elders The names brought forward for Elders
of Providen

Topic for discussion.

for Providence meeting are approved. The committee appointed to bring forward a topic for discussion presented the following viz; "Bible study."

E. Anna Tucker opened the discussion, and others spoke. The following are among some of the good things said; Why is it important and how can we encourage it.? World of art, science, commerce, business testifies to the worth of Bible study. A great musical composer dipped into the Bible for inspiration to give to the world the Messiah. The study of the Bible made Dwight L. Moody what he was. The Bible is indestructable. Should hammer, pen knife, or fires attempt its destruction it would be still written in the hearts of men. The definition of a saint is as follows; "A real saint is one into whose very heart, mind and life the words of God have been infused by the Holy Spirit until his soul carries the truth of Scripture in a living spiritual solution" - The Bible should be studied because of its character and power; for what it is and does. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness";

The children should be encouraged to memorise Scripture for what is learned when young is remembered much longer than what is learned later in life. Encourage the Round Table Bible study. When we show by our lives what the Bible has done for us we shall encourage others to study it. The Bible is the chart and compass and the only sure outward guide to heaven.

The committee — The same committee were continued to bring forward a subject for discussion at our next meeting in Newport.

Having concluded the business we adjourn to meet at Newport 8th Mo. 6th 1913.

James M. Estes Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held at Newport 8th Mo. 6th 1913-

The accounts from our subordinate meetings report the following as representatives to this meeting viz:-

R. I- Nellie P. Thurston and James M. Estes
Greenwich Hannah E. Bennett, E. Anna Tucker, and Ella Lockwood-
Swansea Charles A. Chase and Frank E. Jones
Providence Louisa N. Meader, M. Augusta Battey, Assenath Fetlow, Willis H. White and Francis Neale
One of whom was absent

Queries The queries were read at this time.

Reports of local meetings Two meetings report the spiritual condition and life of the membership is good, and the character of the ministry well adapted to the needs of the people. One meeting has been put in charge of the spiritual work among the sailors on the battleship Georgia when in our harbor. A number of sailors have professed conversion, as well as among the Chinese scholars. Two other meetings report good work being done in the Bible school; and another that the ministry is helpful and satisfactory and some homes observe family worship - Fall River report "that the Spirit and life of the ministry has been such that the congregation must feel its wonderful power long after the voice of the preacher is heard no more. The feeling of regret that rests as a thick cloud over the entire congregation in view of the departure of our beloved pastor, and his helpful wife will be cherished while the truth shall last"

Rep. to last Y.M. The representatives to our last Y.M. report attendence except one.

Subject discussed "How to interest and hold the young people". Frank E. Jones opened the discussion and the following are among some of the good things said viz:-

Make a study of the posibilities that are latent in the formitave peorid of youth, and childhood, and cause them to see that we have an interest in them and are only seeking their good - A warm grasp of the hand will help in this direction with a few words of encouragement - They should have work given them to do in the church, which will increase their interest as they perform these tasks - Evangelism should have a due place in every meeting, where the non christians can be persuaded by the preaching of the gospel to decide for Christ - and receive the one baptism, which Friends declare to be the one and only baptism of the New Testament, "The baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire". The Bible School should be the place where many young people are won to Jesus- A certain individual once asked a Sunday school if the boys and girls were christians if not why not-? If you are not go home and come back next Sunday and tell us the reason". It is certain we can not live on the inheritance of our Fathers, but we must work out our own problems and we need the young people to help solve them. Let us so live that we can bring about a revival by practicing faithfulness- The parents have much to do in the salvation of their children. One has said, "When we convert an adult we convert a unit, but when we convert a child we convert a multiplication table".

Committee Francis Veal, Mary E. Kimber, Homer Skinner and Evie Estes are appointed a committee for the ensuing year to arrange subjects for discussion.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished we adjourn to meet in Fall River in 11th Mo. 5th 1913- if the Lord permit-

James M. Estes Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River 11th Month 5th 1913.

The assistant clerk being absent Mary E. Kimber was appointed for the day.

By the accounts received from our subordinate meetings we are informed that the following Friends are representatives to this meeting viz:

Rhode Island — Mary E. Kimber, Evie Estes, Nellie P. Thurston and Isaac B. Macomber

Greenwich — E. Annah Tucker and Carrie G. Buffington

Swansea — Charles Estes, Frank E. Jones, Garland W. Deblois, A. Homer Skinner and Eliza A. Sission

Providence — Louise N. Meador, Hannah P. Ladd, Sarah J. Hanson, Charles Sission, Francis Neale, and Willis H. White

Of these 5 were absent.

Queries — The Queries were read.

Ministers — Daniel W. Whybrew a minister from Ohio Yearly Meeting attend this meeting, and his services were appreciated.

The committee on Subjects — Subject: "Individual prayer" - Francis Neale opened the discussion, and a number of others took part. There are always two parties in prayer, the Almighty God who is the creator and upholder of the Universe, and man who was first created in the likeness and image of God - Many of the Old Testament characters, such as Abraham, Moses and others were sighted as men of prayer and what God did, because they prayed - David is a good type of a man who really prayed when he said, "Search me" Jesus taught his disciples the model prayer for all time, "Our

The Committee on Subjects

Father" - Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than what we know". All prayer is subject to the will of God. Right relationship with God is essential to prevailing prayer. The ministers, Elders and overseers should know how to pray. We should stir ourselves up to pray. If we have not the spirit of prayer we should ask the Lord for it. Remember how John Knox, George Fox and many others prevailed with God in prayer. Our attention was called to the words of Paul to the Philippeans as the right attitude for a christian.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished we adjourn to meet in Providence in 2nd Mo. 4th 1914.

James M. Estes Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence 2nd Mo. 4th 1914.

By accounts received from our subordinate meetings we are informed that the following Friends are representatives to this meeting Viz:—

R. I. Efie Estes, Mary E. Kimber, John S. Kimber & James M. Estes
Greenwich E. Annah Tucker, Annah F. Brown and Carrie Buffington
Swan-sea Charles Estes, Luella E. Jones, Frank E. Jones, Frances A. Estes and A. Homer Skinner.
Prov-idence Sarah J. Hanson, M. Augusta Battey, Willis White, and Seth K. Gifford

Of these 13 were present and 3 were absent.

State of society There is much in these reports similar in character to that of the preceeding three

State of Society

months. "The go to church Sunday" was observed by two or more of our local meetings with encouraging results.

Daniel W. Whybrew of Lupton, Michigan held revival meetings in three of our local meetings with good results.

A better average of attendence reported in four of our local meetings.

Elders for 3 years

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends are united in reccommending the following names to the Station of Elders for a term of 3 years viz:- Isaac B. Macomber, Hannah C. Borden, Annah L. Manchester, and Fredricker Bolti, and Swansea Monthly Meeting unite in recommending the following to the same station for 3 years, H. Emma Skinner, Luella E. Jones, Adeline F. Chace and Eliza A. Sisson. This meeting approves of these nominations, and these monthly meetings are at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

The Committee on Subjects

The committee on subjects reccommended "Family prayer and devotion", and John S. Kimber read a paper which opened the way for many others to take part. The following is a brief summary viz:- God organized the home, "He setteth the desolate in families". Parents are commanded to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It seems but a step from a christian home into Heaven. Our nation and every nation needs more of such homes. Jesus was once a child and the life of a child appealed to Him. Children are the "heritage of the Lord". Many who are young in years might have escaped the snare of the fowler had they been taught to read and obey the word of the Lord. We should read the Bible once or even more each day with time for devotion. Family pray-

The committee on subjects ers bring a sweet sense of protection to the home, and an influence for righteousness is felt long after we are gone, This influence exceeds that of wealth and worldly fame, and it is the best legacy we can leave our children.

"From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes
There is a calm a sure retreat,
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat."

Having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn to meet at East Greenwich Fifth Mo. 6th-1914. if the Lord permit.

James M. Estes Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich Fifth month sixth 1914

By accounts received from our local Meetings the following named friends are reported as representatives to this Meeting:-

Rhode Island Mary W. Jones. James M. Estes. Exie Estes and Mary E. Kimber.

Greenwich. Anna F. Brown. E. Annah Tucker and Ellen Lockwood

Swansea Charles A. Chace. Frank E. Jones. A. Homer Skinner and Charles Estes.

Providence Sarah J. Hanson. Hannah P. Ladd. Louisa N. Meader and Francis Neale

of these eight were present and seven absent.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, Frank E. Jones on behalf of the representatives in attendance, reported that they were united in nominating
Clerks Charles A. Chace for clerk and E. Annah Tucker for assistant clerk. The meeting unites with the nominations and the friends named are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Queries The queries have been read at this time.

Records The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

This meeting directs its clerks to prepare a summary, of the reports received from the Local Meetings in regard to the Spiritual Condition of the several meetings, and forward it to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. to be held in Vassalboro Maine in Sixth month next. by the following named representatives. Charles A. Chace. James M. Estes,
Representatives Frank E. Jones, Sarah J. Hanson, Louisa N. Meader, John S. Kimber and Mary E. Kimber.

Summary To Question No 1. All our meetings answer, Yes.

No. 2. One Meeting states that silent worship is observed for perhaps a third of the time, in the other meetings for a brief period.

No. 3. As a rule all meetings begin on time.

No. 4. About one sixth.

No. 5. Prayer and personal encouragement.

No. 6. By example, advice and distribution of literature.

No. 7. One Monthly Meeting sent no answer, in the other three the Pastoral Committees meet monthly or frequently.

No. 8. One Monthly Meeting sends annual letters to absent members; the others report occasional correspondence.

No. 9. Our Meetings report an aggregate of 450000 people living in our several communities

No. 10. Nearly three hundred families are in touch with our work.

No. 11. More than one hundred persons, who are not members attend our Meetings for worship.

No. 12 Two monthly meetings report that about one half of the persons attending meeting are males one Meeting says one third, the others do not give the proportion.

No. 13. The average from the three monthly meetings reporting is a little less than one half.

No. 14. One country meeting says four miles the other seven miles. Other Churches are, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, Christian, Lutheran, Federated and Roman Catholic.

No. 15. The average attendance of five meetings reporting for First day morning is forty seven; First day evening, four meetings, twenty two: four midweek meetings, fourteen; and three monthly meetings twenty three.

No. 16. Twelve resident ministers. Three non-resident.

No. 17. Eight regularly. Four occasionally.

No. 18. Six give much time to family calling, others call occasionally.

No. 19. Few records kept but we think that twelve hundred is a conservative estimate.

No. 20. One minister is taking the regular three years course at Hartford Theological Seminary; others attend Bible Institute and other religious lectures.

a. Study of the Parables, The making of a Sermon, Holy Types, Christ in the Tabernacle, Old Time Religion, McKintoshes Notes on Numbers etc., Bible and Spade, Psychic Power in Preaching, Our Own God, Barclays Apology, Story of Hymns and Tunes,

b. S. S. Times, The Sermonizer, Christian Workers Magazine, Missionary Review, Geographical Magazine, and Friends Periodicals

c. None reported.

Report of the Spiritual Condition of

Meeting

(For the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight).

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1. These blanks are to be furnished to the clerk of the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. He is to send one copy to the Pastoral Committee of each particular meeting in the Monthly Meeting, early enough in the year, so that the said Pastoral Committee may fill it out and return it to him in time for the last Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight prior to the last Quarterly Meeting before Yearly Meeting.

2. From these returned filled-out blanks, the clerk of the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is to make a summary which, with the approval of the meeting, shall be recorded in its minutes, and a copy sent to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight as promptly as possible.

3. The clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight shall, from the summaries made by the various Local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, likewise make a summary of them all; to be recorded, with the approval of the meeting, in its minutes, and a copy forwarded to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

4. The clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight shall, from the summaries from the various Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, make a final summary. With the approval of this meeting, this final summary shall be recorded, and a copy forwarded to the Yearly Meeting at large.

Whenever the space following a question is too small for the answer, the answer may be made on a separate sheet, numbered so as to correspond with the number of the question.

I. Spiritual Life of the Meeting.

1. Does a spirit of reverence pervade the congregation during the hour of worship?........................

2. To what extent is silent worship observed in your meetings?........................

3. Are all meetings begun on time? .... If not, please explain.

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4. What is the average proportion of late comers at each meeting ....

5. What are the definite policies pursued by the elders in enhancing the spiritual life of the meeting..

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6. What have the overseers done to promote the consistent moral life of members ....

7. Does your pastoral committee meet frequently........................

8. What care do you exercise over non-resident members ....

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II. Size and Character of the Congregation.

9. Number of people living in your church community (or town or city)

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9 10. Number of families in touch with your work ....

10 11. Number of persons, not members, who attend your meeting for worship

....

12. What proportion of persons (members and non-members) attending your meetings are males..

13. What proportion are under 30 years of age ....

14. If in country, define the limits of your church community in a radius of miles..

What other churches are located within this radius..................................

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15. Average attendance on public worship at your meeting: First day morning (or afternoon) ....First day evening ....Mid-week .... At Monthly Meeting when held in your meeting house...............

III. Character of the Ministry.

16. Number of resident ministers .... Non-resident ....

17. Number of resident ministers who preach regularly ....
Occasionally ....

18 Number who make family calls ....

19. Number of calls made by these during the year ....

20. What opportunities for intellectual development do active ministers embrace, as for instance:

a. What books which bear directly on the task of the minister, has each read during the past year ....
....

b. What magazines of said character ....

c. How many books has each borrowed from the General Theological Library during the year ....

IV. Spiritual Gifts and Their Development.

21. What evidences have been disclosed the past year of the reception of gifts in publice service ....
....

22. What has been done to encourage the exercise of such gifts ....
....

23. What opportunities for individual service are there in your meetings
....

24. To what extent are these opportunities used ....
....

V. Fields of Service and Special Work Done.

25. What are the available fields for Christian service (aside from the regular work in your meeting) such as:

a Holding cottage prayer meetings. *b.* Holding schoolhouse or mission meetings. *c.* Holding meetings in chapels, jails, hospitals or almshouses ....
....

26. Please state exactly what you have done ....
....

No. 21. Four individuals have shown evidence of spiritual gifts and are developing: others are faithful in prayer and testimony in our Meetings for worship.

No. 22. Public and private invitations and expressions of approval.

No. 23. In nearly all Meetings opportunity is given for prayer and in many for both prayer and testimony.

No. 24. In three Meetings these opportunities are used frequently by many, in others occasionally.

No. 25. Opportunities for cottage prayer meetings reported in two meetings; for work among soldiers, sailors and foreigners and in jails, almshouses, Home for the Aged etc. in others.

No. 26. In one meeting evangelistic services were held continuously for four weeks, in another three weeks. One meeting reports that a series of studies on the gospel according to Matthew has been given by a member; one holds an annual service in the Home for the Aged: all carry on Bible School and Foreign Mission Work; one has a Home Missionary Society which cooperates with district nurses in relief work among the very poor. Christian Endeavor Societies are sustained in two meetings and a Round Table during the Winter months in one.

The following Friends have been recommended by two Monthly Meetings as suitable to occupy the Office of Elder for three years viz.

Elders From Providence: Sarah J. Hanson, Hattie E. Jacob, Louisa N. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd, and Albert R. Macomber.

From Greenwich John Babcock, Carrie G. Buffington and Ellen Lockwood.

These names have been duly considered and we are united in our approval of these Friends to serve as Elders and the aforesaid Monthly Meetings are now at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

We recommend that hereafter the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight and the Quarterly Meeting be held on the same day and suggest that they both be held on Seventh Day.

We have been cheered at this meeting by the presence of William P. Macomber from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting; his company and service have been helpful and inspiring.

Francis Neale, on behalf of the committee to bring forward a subject for consideration at this time reported that they were united in presenting the subject of Public Prayer.

The meeting concluded to postpone the discussion of this vital subject until our next meeting at Newport.

There being no further business we adjourn to meet in Newport in 8th mo. next
Charles A. Chace Clerk.

8/5/14 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth mo. Fifth 1914.

By reports from our Local Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives; namely
From Rhode Island James M. Estes, Anna L. Manchester, Mary E. Kimber and Annie C. Sherman,
From Greenwich E. Annah Tucker and Ellen Lockwood.
From Swansea Charles Estes and Charles A. Chace
From Providence Louisa N. Meader, Sarah J. Hanson, Francis Neal and Willis H. White
who are present except two.

The records of our last Meeting were read and approved.
The queries were read
The representatives to Yearly Meeting report that
all but one attended.

Reports From the reports received we are informed that;
The attendance at public worship at Newport on 1st Day morning
Newport is about 56, at night 44 and 4th Day night 31:
the Ministry is excellent and well adapted to the
needs of the people; the younger members are
helpful with indications that some may
develop decided gifts for service.

Anthony The meeting at Anthony is very small
during the vacation season. The Bible School
the same as at our last report and the
Junior Endeavor is suspended for three months.

Greenwich Greenwich Meetings and Bible Class sustain
the usual attendance and interest.

The average attendance at the morning meeting
Providence for Worship in Providence has been 35: that
for Saylesville about 25.

In Swansea Monthly Meeting the ministry
Swansea is adapted to the needs of the congregations.
and the attendance at the Somerset Meeting
and Bible School has increased.
At Fall River the Eighth month vacation
of the Bible School has been omitted for the
first time in many years.

We are cheered and edified by the presence
and service of Seneca Stevens and wife
from New York Yearly Meeting.

At the opening of the discussion of Public
Prayer, which was postponed from our last
Meeting. James M. Estes read an able and
instructive paper showing the necessity and
effectiveness of vocal prayer in public meetings
and also the supreme importance of higher
preparation. Only those who are faithful

in closet and family prayer are spiritually qualified for public prayer.

The greatest prayer we can offer is "Thy will be done". As a rule only those, who are much in mental prayer, are called of God to offer vocal prayer. Neglect of prayer for others is the great sin of the age.

When there are many vocal prayers the Minister has great liberty and the audience is instructed and helped. This world needs Jesus; but who will bring them to realize their condition and need but one who is obeying the command to "Pray without ceasing".

In the discussion which followed we were admonished to read the 22d. Psalm as a model prayer; to pray in faith instead of in hope; to be more definite and thank God for the answer as Jesus has set us the example. Prayer is the channel through which we receive from God, the foundation on which we stand.

The committee to select subjects for discussion in our meetings viz. Committee reappointed
Francis Neale, Mary E. Kember, A. Homer Skinner, and Elsie Estes were reappointed for one year.

The members of the committee who were present consulted together and announced as the subject for our next meeting. Subject for Next meeting
"The aims and objects of the church in the world"
The discussion to be opened by E. Annah Tucker.

Regretting that so few were present to share the responsibility and blessing of the service we adjourn to meet in Fall River Eleventh Mo. 4th.

Charles F. Chace clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry + oversight, held at Fall River 11th mo. 4th 1914

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By accounts from the Local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight we are informed that the representatives are

Representatives

From Rhode Island: Exie Estes Mary W. Macomber and Mary E. Kimber.
" Swansea: A. Felix Burns, Charles A. Chace
H. Emma Skinner and Eliza A. Sisson.
" Greenwich: Ellen Lockwood, Carrie G.
Buffington and E. Annah Tucker.
" Providence: Sarah J. Hanson, Asenath
Tetlow, Louisa N. Meader, Francis Neale,
Thomas G. Jackson and Willis H. White.
Who were present except four.

Reports from Local Meetings are similar to those received three months ago.

The labor of Newport Friends with sailors and foreigners is bearing luscious fruit and should inspire us all and encourage us to undertake similar service

Newport, Portsmouth and Swansea friends are making an effort to stimulate and encourage spiritual life and activity among the young people by means of Gospel Teams and Camp-fires.

At Fall River a Roll Call has been held and reports given of the various Christian activities followed by addresses, music and a social hour. The interest seems to be deepening and the young people are showing, by their presence, an increasing love for the Church.

No meeting has been held at Anthony for the last month but the Bible School has been continued with the usual interest.

Two members of Greenwich meeting with two of another denomination have opened a mission in an abandoned chapel in a neglected part of the village at which the attendance has been good.

The Providence Bible School and First Day evening meetings were discontinued during the Summer months. The Bible School opened in Ninth Month with somewhat lessened numbers and is being continued with a good degree of interest, but very few children attend. The First Day evening meetings have not yet been regularly resumed.

Providence Friends have been brought into deep sympathy with the multitudes in Europe who are subjected to such awful suffering by the war which is raging there and two quite liberal collections have been taken for their relief.

The attendance at Saylesville has been smaller than for the previous quarter.

The consideration of the subject selected three months ago for discussion to-day was opened by E. Hannah Tucker who read a carefully prepared and highly interesting and instructive essay; dividing the aims and objects of the church into four divisions.

First, her life, which she receives from the Father and shares with His Son. Born of the Spirit and seeing the things that make up the Kingdom, her first aim is to do His will which she learns by Scripture, by Providential openings, and by counsel with the body of believers. So the spirit filled life is to be the first aim of the church. This was and is the life indeed; the life more abundant.

Second. Her message is the Gospel of Him, who left heaven to seek and save that which was lost and to gather out a people for His name

Third. Her work is the spread of Divine truth by workmen who study to be approved of God When we labor in the love of the Gospel rivalries and denominational differences wither away.

Fourth. Her hope: A crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give unto all them also that love His appearing.

S. Adelbert Wood a minister in attendance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. made a strong plea for earnest intelligent work: as the Germans made guns to destroy modern defenses so the Church should use modern methods to meet modern needs; not passively saying "I want the work done", we must get a preparation for the work and feel that it must be done; "The people must be fed and I must do it if it kills me". We must come to that place where disciples must be made. It is our privilege to get to the Lord and be qualified for the work. What would be the result if one hundred young people of this Yearly Meeting would get down on their faces and ask God to let them preach? The business of the Church, her object and aim, is to bring the world to Christ. He can give us the victory, as He gave it to King Asa, that we may triumph in the Lord. If we have the spirit of God in our hearts, He will give an interest in His work. "Thy people shall be a willing people in the day of thy power.

Several other members evinced a lively interest which was made manifest by pertinent remarks on the subject.

The queries were read and Francis Neale feelingly laid before us the importance of applying these questions to ourselves: We hear, and should each be ready to take our individual share in the responsibility and strive to arouse others to do the same.

The committee report that they have decided to reccommend the consideration of the sixth query at our next meeting and have appointed Charles Sisson to open the discussion.

Having harmoniously concluded the business of the meeting, we conclude purposing to meet next in Providence on Fourth day before the Quarterly Meeting in Second Month 1915

Charles A. Chace Clerk

2/3/15 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence R.I. Second Month 3d. 1915

The records of the last Meeting were read and approved.

By accounts from the Local Meetings it appears that the representatives to this Meeting are

Representatives From Rhode Island: Eunice A. Greene, Mary E. Kimber, Frederica Bolte and Isaac B. Macomber.

From Greenwich: Sarah Carpenter, Ellen Lockwood and E. Annah Tucker

From Swansea: Marianna V. Chace and Luella E. Jones

From Providence: Charles Sisson, Louisa N. Meader, Thomas G. Jackson, Emily S. White and Francis Neale. Of these eleven were present. The Queries were read

Elders We have received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting the following nominations for Elders viz. Eunice A. Greene, Frederick W. Holman, Laura A. Oswell, Mary W. Macomber, and Mary W. Jones; which are approved by this Meeting and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment for three years.

We are informed by Providence Local Meeting that it is satisfied that John C. Culbert
John C. Culbert has received a gift in the ministry and
Highland Ave we appoint Charles Sisson, Mary E. Kimber
So. Attleboro Mass. Seth K. Gifford and Charles A. Chace to
8/7/15 consider the subject as required by our Discipline and report their Judgment to a future Meeting.

Continued improvement is reported in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation at Newport; the attendance Sabbath morning is 52, evening 60, midweek prayer meeting 37. The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the people.

Newport report They are watchful for the development of gifts, especially among the young people and are much encouraged by several conversions among foreigners and sailors. An excellent series of meetings has been conducted by Lucius B. Compton with good results. The young people have been active in Gospel Team and Camp Fire work and their labors have been appreciated and helpful.

At Portsmouth the spiritual life of the
Portsmouth congregation is generally maintained with an average attendance at the Sabbath morning service of about 45.

The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting and care is extended towards the exercise and development of spiritual gifts.

The young people are greatly interested in Gospel Team work and many of our congregation have been blessed and quickened thereby.

Swansea Local Meeting reports that the ministry is adapted to the needs of the congregations.
The First Day morning Meetings are well attended with smaller numbers present in the evenings.
On the evenings when the Gospel Team has visited us we have had greatly increased interest and attendance.
Some of our members are filled with the Spirit and are striving to know and to do the will of God; but our membership as a whole does not attain that high standard of Christian living which is to be desired.

In Fall River an Adult School was started in Tenth Month and has been held continuously on First Day mornings at 9 o'clock with steadily growing attendance. Much good has been accomplished already in this work for men and we feel it should the encouragement of Friends.

The Meeting at Greenwich has been held as usual with a deeply interesting Bible Class. Only the Sabbath School has been held at Anthony since the last report.

Providence Local Meeting is much encouraged by the addition of three new members and two associate members.
The average attendance at the First day morning Meetings has been 49 in Providence and about half that number in Saylesville.
The evening meetings are instructive and helpful but are not as well attended as we should like.
Since the time of holding the Monthly Meeting was changed from afternoon to evening the attendance has not increased.
At the close of the Providence Morning Meeting strangers often express their appreciation of the helpful, uplifting sermon and [illegible]

wealth and calm the silent communion is to them, our Sabbath meetings are permeated with a deeply religious spirit; the conduct of our members is thoroughly harmonious.
The various activities, in which Friends have been engaged in recent years, are still continued; the home mission department is doing more work, for the hard winter has greatly increased the many needy cases; The foreign mission work is nearly at a standstill on account of the war situation in the East, but we have instead taken an active part in aiding the Belgian sufferers.

The Pastoral Committee of Providence Monthly Meeting wrote an address to the congregation setting forth certain facts about the Monthly Meeting, its cares, its interests, its responsibilities, and its desires; its hope and faith in a renewed activity on the part of each and every member of the meeting, and on the part of each of those not members, who meet with us regularly for worship and spiritual communion each Sabbath morning. it asked that each should seek out and take advantage of, opportunities, to increase Christ-like feeling in giving help and sympathy and patient encouragement and love to all with whom we come in contact. This was read in First-day morning meeting and made a deep impression which we feel will produce spiritual growth.

Thomas H. Jackson reported continued interest in the meeting and Bible School at Saylesville.

The discussion of the sixth query was opened by Charles Sisson, who remarked that there would seem to be very little cause for us to discuss the war question because we are all on one side. Three months ago we were appalled at the prospect of a general war in Europe and hoped that it might soon be brought to a close, but now the end seems no nearer than then.

In this land two opposing sentiments are striving for the mastery. One, which urged by the army and navy and by manufacturers of war material, claim that the way to avoid war is to be fully prepared. On the other hand we have good reason to hope that the number, who believe with us, that all war is unchristian and uncivilized and that all international differences can and should be settled by arbitration, is rapidly increasing.

The meeting was drawn into deep sympathy with the millions of our fellow beings who are suffering intensely through the terrible war now raging in Europe and an earnest desire is expressed, that as individuals and as a church we may use all possible means to so influence public opinion that the awful carnage may be brought to a speedy termination and that the recurrence of such a wicked and needless catastrophe may, through the blessing of our Heavenly Father be made forever impossible.

We appoint Charles Sisson, Willis H. White and Asenath Tetlow a committee to lay the matter before the Quarterly Meeting with the request that that meeting take such action as it may decide will best advance the cause.

The committee, under appointment for that purpose, announce that the subject for consideration at our next Meeting will be Ministry to be presented by A. Homer Skinner

Having concluded the business before we adjourn to meet in East Greenwich Fifth mo. 5th if the Lord permit Charles H. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich R. I. Fifth Month 5th 1915.

Records

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Representatives

The representatives from the Local Meetings are
From Rhode Island: Exie Estes and John S. Kimber
From Greenwich:- Christopher A. Phippee, Ellen Lockwood and E. Annah Tucker.
From Swansea - A. Homer Skinner, Charles A. Chace and Frank E. Jones.
From Providence. Hannah P. Ladd, Louisa N. Meader, Sarah J. Hanson, Francis Neale and Willis H. White. Who are all present.

Elders

Two Monthly Meetings recommend the following named Friends as suitable to occupy the office of Elder for three years, viz.
From Providence. Elizabeth A. Gifford, Charles Sisson, Asenath Tetlow, S. Caroline Tobey, Mary A. Gifford, Willis H. White and Francis Neale.
From Greenwich:- John Babcock, Cassie G. Buffington and Ellen Lockwood.
Who are approved by this meeting and the Monthly Meetings named above are at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

Louis T. Jones

We are especially favored with the presence of Louis T. Jones of Vassalboro Maine, a Minister of the Gospel and Principal of Oak Grove Seminary. His presence and service have been very acceptable and helpful.

Clerks

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired Frank E. Jones reported that the representatives were united nominating Charles A. Chace for clerk and E. Annah Tucker for assistant. The meeting approves and they are appointed for one year.

The reports from the Local Meeting have been read and a summary of the answers to the first fifteen questions is approved by the meeting; owing to the time required for the discussion of some of the answers and the lateness of the hour the Clerks are directed to complete the work and forward the answers to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Providence R. I. in Sixth Month next by our representatives who are:- Louisa N. Meader, E. Annah Tucker

Answer to Question No. One; Yes. No. 2. A brief period.
No. 3. Nearly all; some exception in one meeting on account of Bible School holding too long.
No. 4. About one fourth.
No. 5. The different meetings report individual faithfulness on the part of their elders but a possible lack of definite united policy.
No. 6. Most overseers have tried to set an example of Christian living and have given counsel as needed.
No. 7. Yes. No. 8. Occasional correspondence.
No. 9. Nearly 500 000.
No. 10. 290. No. 11. 150
No. 12. one half. No. 13. one third.
No. 14. One country meeting reports a radius of three miles and one seven miles.
Other churches are Methodist, Baptist, Christian Episcopal, Congregational, Lutheran, Federated and Roman Catholic.
No. 15. The average of three monthly meetings reporting, comprising six particular meetings is First Day morning; 53. Evening 27. Midweek 13. Monthly Meeting 21.
No. 16. Eleven resident Ministers; Four non-resident.
A student at Hartford Theological Seminary spends the week-ends at Fall River and preaches each First Day.

No. 17. Regularly, seven. Occasionally, four.

No. 18. Ten.

No. 19. Two Monthly Meetings report over seven hundred calls. No report from two.

No. 20. No definite answers received. No report of books borrowed from the General Theological Library.

No. 21. Two meetings report; "Some among our young people" No report from the others.

No. 22. Frequent helpful encouragement by ministers elders and others and opportunities in Christian Endeavor and Gospel Team work.

No. 23. Time is given for prayer and testimony

No. 24. To a reasonable extent

No. 25. [illegible]

No. 26. In Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, Union Prayer meetings Portuguese Meetings, Sailors' Meetings, Campfire and Gospel Team Meetings with several conversions.

In Swansea Monthly Meeting: Cottage Prayer Meetings Gospel Team and Camp fire meetings. At Fall River an Adult School for men has been maintained.

At East Greenwich, Friends have helped in Cottage Prayer Meetings, W.C.T.U. Conventions and visited the sick and needy. They with others have conducted a mission in a neglected part of the town with increasing interest especially on the part of the young. Several have been reclaimed and others converted.

We conclude to postpone the consideration of "The Ministry" to our next meeting and adjourn to meet in three months at the time and place to be decided by the Quarterly Meeting in response to our recommendation of one year ago (Page 28).

Charles H Chace clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport R.I. Eighth month Seventh, 1915.

By reports from the Local Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are:- from Rhode Island
Representatives Mary E. Kimber and Mary W. Macomber,
from Greenwich:- Ellen Lockwood and Sarah M. Carpenter.
Swansea:- Charles Estes, H. Emma Skinner, Mary A. Gage, Frank E. Jones and A. Homer Skinner.
Providence:- Valentine E. Meader, Willis H. White and Sarah J. Hanson.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries were read.

The representatives to Yearly Meeting report that all attended.

Newport reports that the spiritual condition and life of the church is very good.

Average attendance at the morning service 53: Evening 64: Midweek 37.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the people
Report from R. I.
Opportunities for development of gifts continue through the camp fire and gospel team work especially.

Many members attended Smith Mills camp meeting and were much benefitted.

At Portsmouth there has been an increase in interest and numbers and the spiritual condition of the congregation is improving. The character of the ministry is well adapted to the need of the meeting.

Fall River reports the addition for four new members and the re-establishment of the midweek prayer meeting with a fair attendance.

They deeply regret the departure of Ora W. Carrell, to become Field Secretary of Iowa Yearly Meeting. For the past two years his presence and clear presentation of the truths of the Gospel has been most helpful and inspiring.

At Somerset the interest and attendance has been very good.

Only the Bible School is maintained at Anthony.

The interest in the Meeting and Bible Class at East Greenwich continues as usual.

The following report is received at this time viz.

J. C. Culbert The Committee, named 2d. mo. 3d. 1915 to consider the proposition from Providence Local Meeting to approve the gift in the ministry of John C. Culbert at his request recommend that further consideration of the matter be postponed. The committee asks to be excused from further service in this case

For the committee Charles Sisson

Newport R. I. 8th. mo. 7th. 1915

The report is accepted and the committee released.

J. A. M. Kimber Rhode Island Local Meeting is satisfied that J. A. Morris Kimber has a gift in the ministry and we appoint Frank E. Jones, Willis H. White and Thomas J. Battey to consider the subject and report their judgment to a future Meeting.

The splendid paper prepared by A. Homer Skinner to open the discussion on The Ministry at our last meeting has been read at this time, and because of its excellence it is decided to forward it to the Quarterly Meeting that the membership at large may have the privilege of hearing it.

Com. on Subjects discontinued On account of the change in the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting it does not appear that there will be time for the discussions which have for some years added to the interest of our meetings and we decide to discontinue the committee. Adjourned to meet at Fall River Eleventh Mo. 6th. at 9.30 A.M. Charles H. Jones Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River Mass. Eleventh Month Seventh 1915.

The representatives to this Meeting are From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting: Emily A. Holman, Helen W. Lather, Fredrika Bolte, and Isaac B. Macomber.

Representatives From Greenwich:- Carrie G. Buffington.

From Swansea:- H. Emma Skinner, Charles Estes, Mary A. Gage, Adeline F. Chace and Mariannaa N. Chace.

From Providence:- Louisa N. Meader. Sarah J. Hanson, Charles Sisson, Francis Neale Thomas G. Jackson, M. Augusta Batty and Elizabeth Johnston. of whom eight are present and nine absent.

Records The records of our last meeting have been read and approved.

Queries The queries have been read and considered.

By the report from Rhode Island Local Meeting we are informed that the average attendance at Newport at the morning service has been 58, evening 53 and midweek 43.

Newport report The spiritual condition of the meeting can be reported as being at a high level and the members feel their responsibility and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit both in prayer and testimony.

The character of the ministry is satisfactory and helpful. There is evidence among the young people of developments relating to spiritual gifts. Young peoples meetings have been commenced to encourage them in studying the Bible and to foster a desire to know more about the society and its principles.

Portsmouth

Portsmouth conditions are about the same as three months ago, except that they have no settled pastor but are favored with a supplied ministry adapted to the needs of the meeting.

Tiverton

Tiverton meeting has been reopened and conducted largely through the endeavors of the young people of the gospel teams of Newport and Portsmouth Meetings.

Fall River

Fall River is especially favored in having the services of Murray S. Kenworthy on First-days; his preaching is clear and spiritual and is wonderfully adapted to the needs of the congregation.

Elizabeth S. Newton

It is with a deep sense of loss that they record the death in 9th mo. of one of their elders; Elizabeth S. Newton; she attended the Meetings of the Pastoral committee as long as her strength would permit, and they miss profoundly her cheerful presence and words of wisdom and counsel. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow with them."

Somerset

The usual conditions continue at Somerset with an average attendance First-day morning of about 65. The evening meetings have a much larger attendance of late.

Providence

The average attendance of the First-day morning meetings at Providence has been 37 and at Saylesville about 20. A number of the evening meetings in Providence have been better attended than usual. The subject of our Christian testimony respecting War has been under review and such an interest awakened in it as led to sending forward to the Monthly Meeting a strong paper on the

War

subject that will go forward to the Quarterly Meeting. The Providence Bible School was reopened during the 9th. mo. after its usual Summer vacation and has had an average attendance of about 25.

Saylesville The First-day evening meeting at Saylesville was discontinued through the Summer and has not been again started as yet. The school was continued as usual through the Summer and is reported to be larger than the morning meeting.

The committee appointed at our last meeting present the following report viz. To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dear Friends:-

J. A. Morris Kimber We, your committee to report our judgment on the question of acknowledging and recording a gift in the Ministry on the part of our friend J. A. Morris Kimber, report that we have considered the subject and are united in our judgment that such a gift on his part should receive the churches endorsement in the manner prescribed by the discipline

Signed Frank E. Jones
Thomas J. Battey
Willis H. White
Fall River 11. 6. 1915

The report is accepted and the clerk is directed to inform Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that this meeting concurs with Rhode Island Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight that J. A. Morris Kimber has received a gift in the Ministry.

Swansea Monthly Monthly Meeting are united in recommending A. Felix Burns, Mary A. Gage, Mariana N. Chace and A. Homer Skinner Swansea Elders to the station of elder. This meeting approves of the nominations and the Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment for three years

Having transacted the business coming before us in harmony and love we conclude purposing to meet in Providence R. I. in second Month 1916 if the Lord permit

Charles A. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence 2nd mo 5th 1916.

By accounts received from the Local Meetings it appears the following named Friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting 1932.

Representatives From Rhode Island Local Meeting: Alice Jackson, Perry Gray, Eunice A. Allen and Isaac B. Macomber.
From Greenwich; Christopher A. Stukee and Carrie F. Buffington.
From Swansea Luella E. Burns, Frances A. Chace, Charles A. Chace and H. Emma Skinner.
From Providence, Mary A. Gifford Louisa N. Meader, Thomas G. Jackson, Charles Sisson, Francis Neale and Walter Taylor.
of whom four are present and twelve absent.

Queries The Queries have been read and considered.

Records The records of our last meeting have been read and approved.

Elders Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs us that they have nominated Edward C. Faulkner and Emily Holman to serve as Elders for three years, and Swansea Monthly Meeting have nominated Caroline W. DeBlois and Lavanda B. Briggs for a like service. This Meeting approves of the nominations and the clerk is directed to inform the said Monthly Meetings of our action.

Newport

Newport Meeting reports that The spiritual condition and life of the meeting continues to improve, The attendance of meetings for public worship in the morning averages 44; in the evening 59; midweek meetings 36.

The character of the ministry is very satisfactory and well adapted to the needs of the meeting. One member had a concern to visit saloons with good results. The First Day evening meetings have been wonderfully blessed and honored of the Lord. Several have been reclaimed and several converted for which they give Him all the praise and glory.

Portsmouth

At Portsmouth the spiritual condition and life of the congregation is well maintained. Meetings for public worship on the Sabbath are well attended, midweek meetings rather small.

They are dependant upon supplies for their ministry, which seems generally adapted to the needs of the meeting.

Though the weather was very unfavorable they were much helped by the Gospel Team from Oak Grove Seminary.

The meeting at Tiverton is still cared for by the members of the several meetings.

Greenwich

The Bible Schools at East Greenwich and Anthony and the meeting for worship at East Greenwich are continued with about the usual attendance.

Fall River

The attendance at Fall River Sabbath mornings is remarkably regular, but an increase is expected and desired. The clear and helpful preaching of Murray S. Kenworthy merits a large congregation. At the Christian Endeavor Meeting, which is now held at 4.30, Murray Kenworthy is giving a series of most valuable and helpful talks on the Old Testament prophets. Since these talks began there has been a marked increase in the attendance.

Somerset

Somerset reports some improvement in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation. The ministry is earnest and inspiring and adapted to the needs of the meeting. The average attendance Firstday morning 65. Evening 33, Midweek 15. A special series of meetings has been held, conducted by Thomas E. Phillips; His preaching was very clear and helpful. Some of the young people professed conversion.

Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting report that the ministry is instructive and of a character to inspire reverent devotion and a deepening of the spiritual life.

No further business requiring our attention we adjourn to meet in East Greenwich in the Fifth Month if the Lord will.

Charles A. Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich R. I. Fifth Month sixth 1916.

By reports from the Local Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting viz.

Representatives

From Rhode Island

Laura A. Criswell, Mary H. Macomber and Sarah B. Macomber

From Greenwich

Christopher A. Shipper, Carrie L. Buffington and E. Annah Tucker.

From Swansea.

Charles A. Chace, Frank E. Jones, H. Emma Skinner and Marianna H. Chace.

From Providence

Emily S. White, Sarah L. Hanson and Albert R. Macomber, of whom four are present and nine absent, The non-attendance of some is due to the inclement weather and sickness.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Clerks

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired the representatives, in attendance are united in nominating Charles A. Chace for clerk and E. Annah Tucker for assistant. The meeting approves and they are appointed for one year.

The reports from the Local Meeting have been read. Greenwich Monthly Meeting recommends the name of Christopher A. Shipper as suitable to occupy the station of Elder for three years. This is approved by this meeting and Greenwich Meeting is at liberty to proceed with the appointment.

Elder

Report of the Spiritual Condition of

.... Meeting

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(FOR THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT).

The following questions are based upon the requirements of the discipline for reports on the spiritual condition of the church. These reports should follow the general order of the questions. These questions are recommended as an outline for the study of each field by the Pastoral Committee throughout the year. Every meeting should state at some length its most important problems and successes.

Duplicate copies of this blank should be in the hands of the Pastoral Committee of each meeting at the beginning of the calendar year. The report, written upon one of them, is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the channels required in the discipline, while the other copy may be kept for reference.

I. Spiritual Life of the Meeting.

1. Does a spirit of reverence pervade the congregation during the hour of worship.

2. To what extent is silent worship observed in your meetings.

3. Are all meetings begun on time. If not, please explain.

4. What is the average proportion of late comers at each meeting.

5. What are the definite policies pursued by the elders in enhancing the spiritual life of the meeting.

6. In how many cases have the overseers extended care.

7. Does your pastoral committee meet regularly.

8. What care do you exercise over non-resident members.

II. Size and Character of the Congregation.

9. Number of families in touch with your work.

10. Number of persons, not members, who attend your meeting for worship.

11. To what extent are these actively engaged in your work.

12. What proportion of persons attending your meetings are males.

13. What proportion are under 30 years of age.

14. Average attendance on public worship at your meeting: First day morning (or afternoon); First day evening; Midweek; Monthly Meeting.

III. Character of the Ministry.

15. Number of resident ministers. Non-resident.

16. Number of resident ministers who preach regularly. Occasionally.

17. Number who make family calls.

18. Number of calls made by these during the year.

19. What opportunities for intellectual development do active ministers embrace, as for instance: (*a*) What books and magazines which bear directly on the task of the minister, have been read during the past year. (*b*) How many books have been borrowed from the General Theological Library during the year.

IV. Spiritual Gifts and Their Development.

20. What evidences have been disclosed the past year of the reception of gifts in public service.

21. What has been done to encourage the exercise of such gifts.

22. What opportunities for individual service are there in your meetings.

23. To what extent are these opportunities used.

V. Fields of Service and Special Work Done.

24. Number of people living in your church community (or town or city).

25. If in country, define the limits of your church community in radius of miles.

26. To what extent is this field shared with other churches.

27. What are the available fields for Christian service (aside from the regular work in your meeting) such as: (*a*) Cottage prayer meetings; (*b*) Schoolhouse or mission meetings; (*c*) Meetings in chapels, jails, hospitals or almshouses; (*d*) Other work for social, moral or spiritual community uplift.

28. Please state exactly what you have done.

A summary of answers to Questions on spiritual conditions of Meetings in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the calender year 1915 has been read and considered at this time.

Summary of answers &c.

The Queries Numbered in Monthly Meet. Discipline.

No. 1. Yes, with some exception in one meeting.

2. Two meetings report; about 1/3 of the time, others less.

3. The hour is nearly observed in most meetings; in one the Bible School is held before the meeting and is sometimes a little late in closing, in another the minister comes on a morning train which is sometimes late.

4. Nearly one fourth.

5. One Monthly Meeting does not reply, one reports "No definite policy"; the others report individual care and assistance, exerted by precept and example.

6. Only one case definitely reported.

7. Yes; except one Monthly Meeting which does not reply.

8. Occasional correspondence.

9. 271.

10. Four meetings report 96.

11. About 30 in 3 meetings others not reported.

12. A little less than 1/2.

13. Three meetings report 1/2 or more. One 1/3, One 1/5 and one none.

14. First Day morning (6 Meetings) 41. Evening (6 Meetings) 23. Midweek (4 Meetings) 19. Three Monthly Meeting [illegible].

15. Resident 8. Non-resident 4.

16. 4 regularly. 1 Occasionally.

17. Seven.

18. No record kept. One Meeting reports several hundred. One, a considerable number. Others; a few.

19. Friends and other periodicals. A few books. No books borrowed from the General Theological Library.

20. One has been recorded a Minister, and several persons who have special gifts are exercising them both for ministry and outside spiritual work.

21. Approval of these efforts has been expressed and opportunities for their exercise afforded.

22. Time is given for prayer and testimony

23. To an encouraging extent as far as reported.

24. Approximately a half million, including four cities.

25. Twenty five miles.

26. Our field is shared with large number of other denominations.

27. & 28. At Newport; Cottage prayer meetings occasionally Chinese, Portuguese and sailors meetings regularly.
At Portsmouth: Gospel team work and temperance lectures occasionally.
At Fall River: Service at Home for Aged and Rescue Mission; An adult School for men a part of the winter.
At Somerset: A few cottage prayer meetings, work in Almshouse and tracts distributed.
At Providence: Foreign and Home Missionary Societies meet regularly, District nurses and a Sewing circle render valuable aid where it is most needed.
At East Greenwich: Some Friends unite in union prayer meetings and mission work, also in W.F.M.S. and W.C.T.U.

The following named Friends were appointed representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight viz: Thomas J. Battey, Charles Estes, Frank E. Jones, Louisa N. Meader, Seth K. Gifford, Sarah J. Hanson and Charles Sisson.

Regret was expressed that lack of time prevented a discussion of the subject of Peace in its relation to the Character of the Christ of whose government and work of peace there shall be no end.

A number of peace sermons given of late by Friends were then referred

The business coming before us having been transacted in harmony we conclude, purposing to meet in Newport 8th mo. 5. 1916

(Signed) E. Annah Tucker
Assistant Clerk.

8/5/16 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth Month Fifth 1916.

By reports from the local Meetings it appears that the representatives to this meeting are, from Rhode Island Frederica Boltz, Laura A. Oswell, Eunice A. Greene and Isaac B. Macomber.

Representatives From Greenwich; E. Annah Tucker, Christopher Shippee and Anna F. Brown.

From Swansea: Charles Estes, Frances A. Estes, Mary A. Gage and H. Emma Skinner.

From Providence; M. Augusta Batty, Thomas J. Batty, Albert R. Macomber and Valentine E. Meader. Of whom nine are present.

Newport Meeting reports that;

Newport report The spiritual life of most of the members has deepened, The average attendance on Sunday mornings has been 46. On Sunday evenings 59 and 34 on Wednesday evenings.

Various speakers have given helpful messages which have been well adapted to the needs of the people. No new work has been entered upon but the different lines of work previously reported have progressed.

Portsmouth Portsmouth reports that the spiritual condition and life of the congregation is not what it should be, and it is the earnest desire of the pastoral committee that there may be a revival of interest in our midst.

Portsmouth

The average attendance of our Morning Meeting for the last quarter has been about 50. Sunday evening 19, midweek meeting slightly less. The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting. There are no new evidences of spiritual gifts. Meetings are still continued at Tiverton.

Swansea

Somerset reports: The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is commendable. The attendance at meetings for public worship has been large. As far as appears the ministry is adapted to the needs of the meeting. Care has been extended toward the exercise and development of spiritual gifts.
The interest in the Brotherhood continues good.

Fall River

Fall River Friends regret exceedingly that "owing to circumstances beyond our control our minister, Murray S. Kenworthy has left for another field of service. His preaching has been well adapted to the needs of the meeting and his helpful presence and spirit of service has strengthened the membership.
As teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class he has exerted a most valuable influence.
His ministry among us will long be remembered.
The attendance at the meeting for worship remains about the same. There is an excellent spirit of unity among the members of the meeting.

The spiritual condition of Providence membership shows little change since last report.

Providence

The average attendance at the First day morning meetings in Providence has been 39 and at Saylesville about 15.
The character of the ministry is helpful and adapted to the strengthening of the spiritual life of the membership. We feel however a lack of pastoral and evangelistic work

in order to increase, or even maintain our membership's interest and influence.

We cannot report any definite evidence of the reception of spiritual gifts, but quite a number of our members are heard in vocal testimony to the truth in our meetings for worship and we seek to give encouragement to all such as occassion offers.

As regards special work within our limits; we are glad to report the opening of a vacation Bible
Saylesville School for Children at Saylesville under the efficient management of our young friend Amelia Ruger of Earlham College, Indiana. It is being held two hours each forenoon of Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth days for six weeks and is now just half completed.

There has already been an enrollment of sixty with an average daily attendance of about thirty.
The exercises consist of Bible reading and instruction. Bible stories and some manual training in basketry and hammock making. The influence seems to be wholly healthful, the children are enthusiastic and their behavior beautiful. Amelia Ruger attends the Saylesville meetings which are increasing in interest, and the First day evening meeting has been reopened with enlarged numbers. Other influences for helpful service are also being inaugurated."

J. Shober Kimber told of the work in Newport among soldiers, sailors, Portuguese and Chinese.

Charles Sisson urged greater earnestness in the cause of peace and the abolition of war.

Amelia Ruger gave an interesting account of her work with Children at Saylesville.

The business of the session having been concluded we adjourn to meet in Providence Second Month Third 1917

Charles Chace Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River Eleventh Month Fourth 1916.

The Local Meetings report that they have appointed representatives to this meeting as follows viz.

From Rhode Island, Laura F. Dowell A. Edward Kelsey Frederic Bolte, and Isaac B. Macomber.

From Greenwich; Ellen Lockwood and Anna F. Brown

From Swansea; Charles Estes H. Emma Shimm Mariana N. Chace and Frank E. Jones.

From Providence; Elizabeth A. Gifford, Hannah P. Ladd, Edith F. Bailey, Mary White Flagg, Valentine E. Meader, Edith F. Gifford, and Louisa N. Meader.

Of whom Fourteen are present and three absent

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that six of their number attended the meeting.

Records of our two previous meetings are read and approved.

The Queries have been read.

Newport meeting reports that "The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is very good with an attendance at the First Day morning Meeting of 48, evening 56, midweek 34. The character of the ministry has been helpful and inspiring and adapted to the needs of the congregation. No new gifts have developed and no new work has been entered upon."

At Portsmouth "The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is maintained as usual. The average attendance on First Day mornings has been 58. evenings 26. midweek meetings unsatisfactorily small. The character of the ministry is adapted to the needs of the meeting. No new evidences of spiritual gifts amongst us. A very interesting Roll-call meeting was held Tenth Mo. 4th; an excellent supper was enjoyed and the responses to the roll call, especially those written and sent by absent members, were very encouraging and helpful.

Greenwich reports about the same interest in the meeting and Bible school. The small number composing the Bible School at Anthony continues to attend as usual.

At Somerset "There has been much brightening of the spiritual life of those who attend the evening meetings. The attendance has been good at all meetings and the ministry very helpful and adapted to our needs. The few cottage prayer meetings which have been held have been marked by great freedom in the spirit which has also been noticeable in all our evening meetings. Gospel Teams have been sent acceptably to Portsmouth and Tiverton."

Since the departure of Murray S. Kenworthy from Fall River in Seventh month the meeting has been without a regular pastor and depended on supplies. We have been fortunate in having the service of Walter A. Miles of Roxbury occasionally. We feel keenly the need of a resident minister and are still hoping to secure one. In spite of the lack of regular leadership, there is a good degree of interest and better attendance at the First Day morning meeting. On Tenth month eighth we observed "Go to Church Sunday" with the other churches of the city. Rally Day exercises were also held in the Bible School on that day and there was a goodly attendance at both services.

Providence Local Meeting sends the following report. During the three months that have elapsed since our last report the average attendance at the First day morning meeting in Providence has been only 32.5 as against 34.3 during the corresponding period last year + 39.6 for [illegible] and at September. While this decline in attendance is due on the part of some to the increasing infirmities of age and of others to a change in residence, the fact must be faced that a considerable part of our membership does not feel sufficient interest in our gatherings to elicit their presence and help in maintaining them. It becomes increasingly evident that some change either in message, messenger or membership must be sought if this decline is to be arrested.

Our meetings as far as outward appearances indicate are seasons of reverent solemnity and worship, which can hardly be otherwise than profitable to those thus gathered, but the stimulus to higher levels of service does not yet seem to be reached.

No new field of activity has been entered upon since last report but the work of Amelia Ruger at Saylesville was continued into Sept. and a delightful farewell gathering was held at the close in which the children manifested in touching manner the beautiful influences they had been under during the happy days of their summer work. Some effort is being exerted to prolong and continue these influences but it is difficult to replace so efficient a worker.

As an ideal and an object lesson on what preparation for service when joined with tact and a consecrated life can effect, Amelia Ruger's Vacation Bible School in Saylesville during the Summer of 1916 may well be held up as historic.

The service of the ministry is reported as helpful and stimulating — is instructive in teaching the truth, and in advancing the spiritual life of all who give a listening ear and are interested in "examining the Scriptures to see if these things are so".

No further business being presented we adjourn to meet in Providence Second Month third 1917 if the Lord will.

Charles A. Chase Clerk,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence Second month 3d. 1917.

The records of our last meeting were read and approved

By reports from our Local Meetings we are informed the representatives have been appointed to this Meeting as follows

From Rhode Island Local Meeting
Frederica Bolti, Laura A. Oswell. Mary W. Macomber and Edward B. Ayler.

From Greenwich
E. Annah Tucker and Carrie G. Buffington

From Swansea
Charles Estes. A. Felix Burns, Frances A. Estes Marianna N. Chace and A. Homer Skinner.

From Providence
Valentine E. Meader, Luisa N. Meader Sarah J. Hanson and Charles Tisson.

whose names being called, nine responded and six were absent.

Newport reports the spiritual condition and life of the congregation as good. The Portsmouth friends feel the need of a revival and are unitedly and individually praying for this.
At Newport the First day morning attendance averages 46, evening 63 and midweek 31. Portsmouth reports the First day meetings averaging 45 and 25. The midweek meetings are held in homes with small attendance. Both meetings report the character of the ministry as spiritual and adapted to the needs of the congregations. No new gifts in the ministry have been observed. At Newport the First day evening have been preceded by singing the gospel at the gate of the meeting house grounds.

Greenwich reports a slight increase in attendance with continued interest in the Bible class. The Bible School at Anthony has been suspended until 4th month.

The Meeting is much encouraged by the report from Swansea Local Meeting that a successful series of revival meetings has been held resulting in several conversions, eleven applications for active membership and seventeen for associate. The regular attendance has been about the same as usual. The ministry is faithful and earnest. The spiritual condition of the congregation is well maintained.

A good degree of interest is maintained at Fall River, although they are still without a regular Pastor and depend upon supplies.

Fall River congregation offers the following testimonial.

"It is with a deep feeling of sadness that we record the death on 1st mo. 4th 1911 of our dear friend and minister, Henry C. Hydelott, in his 83rd year. He was active in the ministry in this place for a period of thirty years, and we wish to express our sincere appreciation of his long and faithful service and of all his labors of love in our behalf. He was ever deeply interested in all the work of the Society which he so dearly loved, and attended our meetings as long as his strength would allow. His genuine Christian life endeared him to both old and young, and all felt the helpful influence of his gentle and sympathetic spirit."

This meeting heartily endorses the above and appoints Charles Sisson, E. Annah Tucker, and Mary H. Gifford to prepare and forward to Laura B. Hydelott a letter expressing our sympathy with her in her bereavement and our appreciation of her father's noble life and service.

Providence Local Meeting reports as follows

The average attendance at First day morning meetings for the quarter ending 12th mo. 31. 1912 has been for Providence 35. Saylesville 12.

No First day evening or midweek meetings have been held at Saylesville. First day evening meetings were resumed in Providence at the beginning of the Quarter but with decreased attendance. The midweek meetings have been continued with an average attendance of about eight persons. These meetings are of real value to those who attend.

The ministry has been helpful and is in large measure adapted to the needs of the congregations. There has been no special evidence of the reception of spiritual gifts by any of our members.

The Auxiliary of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society and the Providence Friends Home Missionary Society have continued their work with unabated interest.

The Bible schools have been continued. At Saylesville there seems to be an opportunity to enroll quite a large number of young people if proper leadership can be found.

There are few children in Providence Meeting but quite a good percentage of the adults attend the Bible School.

There is an evident desire in both of our meetings to do more efficient work.

We are informed by Swansea Monthly Meeting that they are united in recommending the reappointment of H. Emma Skinner (now Hathaway) Adeline F. Chace, Luella E. Jones and Eliza A. Sisson to the station of Elder for the term of three years. Which nominations are approved by this meeting and Swansea Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

Having concluded the business we adjourn to meet at East Greenwich Fifth Month Fifth at Nine-thirty A. M.

Charles F. Chace Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich Fifth Month 5th. 1917

Records ~~The records of the Last Meeting~~ were read

Our subordinate meetings report the following as representatives; viz

From Rhode Island A. Edward Kelsey, Mary
Representatives W. Macomber, Richard R. Macomber and Frederick Bolte;
From Greenwich; E. Annah Tucker
Christopher A. Shibley and Carrie G. Buffington.
From Swansea:- Emma S. Hathaway, Charles Estes, Charles A. Chace and Frances A. Estes
From Providence:- Charles Sisson Sarah J. Hanson, Thomas G. Jackson, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Willis H. White.

Records The records of our last Meeting were read and approved.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting
Clerks were appointed expiring at this time. The representatives in attendance united in favor of the reappointment of Charles A. Chace for clerk and E. Annah Tucker for assistant clerk, the meeting approves and they are appointed to the respective positions for one year.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting unites in
Greenwich Elders recommending the appointment of John Babcock, Carrie G. Buffington and Ellen Lockwood to serve as elders for three years, which this meeting approves and Greenwich Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

Charles Sisson, Frances A. Estes, Willis H. White,
Representatives to Yearly Meeting E. Annah Tucker, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Charles A. Chace are appointed, to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Providence next month, as our representatives.

The committee appointed at our last meeting, to prepare a letter of sympathy to be sent to Laura B. Hydelott, offered the following viz.

Henry C. Hydelott "Henry Clay Hydelott, for forty years a resident of Fall River Mass., and a Minister of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died in that city 1st. mo. 14th, 1917.

He was born 8th. Month 2nd. 1834 in Richmond Ind., where he joined the Society of Friends in childhood, and early in maturing life was approved as a minister.

When a young man he traveled through Tennessee with Lindley M. Hoag, the youngest and one of the most gifted ministers of the distinguished New Hampshire family of that name. How large an influence on the life and character of our late friend his companionship may have had, we cannot know.

On 11th. Month 22nd. 1876, Henry C. Hydelott was joined in marriage with Phebe Slade Gifford of Fall River, and together they served faithfully in the gospel ministry until parted by death 7th. mo. 24th. 1911.

He was an earnest student of the scriptures and whatever pertained to the development of religious life in individuals and communities.

He diligently interpreted, by spoken and written word, the messages which he believed were given him through Divine Light, and endeavoured to point out and lead the way to higher and better things.

He dearly loved the Society of Friends and was greatly concerned on account of any evidences of a decline in interest on the part of his associates in the Church. Kindly in word and manner, abounding in love and sympathy, his was a fine type of Christian manhood. He bore with Christian fortitude and resignation the physical infirmities which impaired his activities in the later years of his life, and was constant in his attendance at Meetings while health and strength permitted. At last, spiritually enriched by affliction and long-suffering, as one fit for heavenly mansions, he was called home.

We record this appreciation of the character and services of one whom we believe sought to put on the whole armor of God, that he might fight a good fight and win the crown of everlasting life.

Signed { Charles Sisson
E. Annah Tucker
Mary A. Gifford C.S. } Committee

3rd. Month 21st. 1917.

Which the Meeting accepts and directs that a copy be sent to Laura B. Hydelott.

The following memorial is taken from the records of the Pastoral Committee of Fall River Preparative Meeting and forwarded to us through the usual channels.

Henry E. Chace

It is with deep regret that we record the passing away on March 10th. of one of the most valued members of this committee, Henry E. Chace. He had served for many years as Overseer and Trustee in this Meeting with unusual ability. His excellent judgment and keen insight in the business affairs of the church will be sadly missed. His upright Christian life and stern sense of duty have been a valuable example to all. We shall sorely miss his advice and presence in our meetings, but we trust that a measure of his steadfast loyalty may be given to us who remain and that the church which he loved and so faithfully served may still go forward and prosper. (signed) Laura B. Hydelott
Secretary Pastoral Committee.

The clerk is directed to forward the following summary to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

According to reports from our subordinate a good degree of spiritual life is evidenced in various activities. The desire for usefulness in old and young appears to increase.

One congregation reports that a spirit of reverence is a marked feature in their meetings; with very little exception the same attitude prevails in the other congregations.

Silent worship usually occupies about one third of the time in one congregation others observe a short period. Opportunity for vocal service is afforded on every occasion of united worship; some take a helpful part at frequent intervals; for the most part preaching by one occupies the period on First day.

Elders have had care of the ministry, have called on members and performed other individual work; care has also been extended in the cases of a few young Friends.

In all meetings the Pastoral committees meet regularly.

No marked evidences of the reception of spiritual gifts have been noted except in one meeting. Appreciation and encouragement have been shown.

There appear from reports to be 248 families connected with Friends. With three exceptions no accurate reports have been given of the numbers of persons, not members, who attend Friends' Meetings, either regularly or frequently; these three give the number who attend regularly as sixty; frequent attenders 56; to a considerable extent all of these are actively engaged in the work.

The average attendance on public worship on First day morning has been 189; First day evening as reported 126.

Two meetings report about one half of the attendants as males and two others report one third.

The proportion under thirty years of age in one meeting is more than one half, in another one third.

With slight exception the requirements of the discipline seem to be carried out but there is a large field for service, and almost untouched, in seeking to bring in the rest of our membership and in winning the lost to Christ.

There are fourteen ministers, of whom eight are non-resident.

Three meetings are under care of resident pastors.

One has had supplies only. Three share the service of resident ministers. Our ministers and leaders are quite diligent in attending Quarterly and Yearly meetings and other inspirational services as far as opportunity offers.

Some have used books from the library of Brown University and the General Theological Library Mt. Vernon St. Boston.

The American Friend, The Philadelphia and London Friend and Friends' Quarterly Examiner are taken together with periodicals which deal directly with Christian life and service.

The character of the ministry is reported as helpful.

Outside of our regular meetings some attempts have been made along the following lines of work. Mission, Foreign Missionary, Alms House, service in Home for the Aged, Temperance, Bible Institute lectures, distribution of tracts &c.

We can rejoice in the saying
"Thus far the Lord has led us on,
Thus far His power prolongs our day."

There is need of a deeper consecration, greater earnestness in prevailing prayer and more Christ-like sacrifice in our united effort to advance his kingdom on earth.

Having concluded the business before us adjourn to meet in Newport in the Eighth if the Lord will

Charles A. Chace Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth Month 4th. 1917.

The records of our last meeting have been read and approved.

The Queries have been read.

The representatives from the Local Meetings are From Rhode Island:- [illegible] Emily A. Holman, Archie E. Luther and Eunice A. Keene.

From Greenwich:- E. Annah Tucker, Christopher Phillips and Sarah M. Carpenter.

From Swansea Charles H. Chace, Emma J. [illegible], and Martha E. Jones.

From Providence:- Edith F. Balley, Willis H. White, Louisa W. Meader and Elizabeth A. Gifford.

Of whom nine are present.

All of our representatives to the Yearly Meeting On Ministry and Oversight attended some of the sessions and several attended all of the sessions.

This meeting requests the Pastoral Committees in the Local Meetings to gather data in regard to the observance of family worship by their members and forward the same to the next Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It is also suggested that Frank E. Jones open a discussion of this question at the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Eleventh Month next in Fall River.

Newport congregation has been without a pastor but very helpful messages have been given mostly by our own members, which seem to have been well adapted to the needs of the meeting.

Three members of Portsmouth congregation have been revived and strengthened by attending the Northfield Conference and have brought inspiration and spiritual life to the meeting.

Fall River congregation is feeling the need of a pastor and hopes to have one in the Fall, they are encouraged by a reorganized and active Christian Endeavor Society.

Somerset reports a larger mid-week meeting [illegible].

At East Greenwich conditions remain about the same.

Providence Friends have not been unmindful of the calls for material aid and sympathy because of the terrible struggle in Europe and have taken steps to keep in practical touch with the Relief Unit now in training at Haverford.

They have appointed a committee to assist young Friends who have been [illegible] in claiming the exemption allowed by law.

At Saylesville Weston L Lippman from Indiana has begun a work similar to that carried on last season by Amelia Rogers; She has enrolled 65 names in the Summer Bible School in which much interest is manifested; A small First day evening has been started which they hope will increase in numbers and interest as the weeks go by.

The average attendance at public worship so far as reported is as follows.

Newport	First Day Morning 41	Evening 55	Midweek 26
Portsmouth	Small	[illegible]	small
Fall River	Decreased	Christⁿ Endeavor [illegible]	
Somerset	About the same		Larger 25
Providence	29.		
Saylesville	15.		

There being no further business to claim our attention at this time we adjourn to meet in Fall River Eleventh Month third If the Lord will

Charles A Chace clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River Eleventh month 3rd 1917.

The Local Meetings report the following names of representatives to this meeting:
From Rhode Island; Frederica Bolte, Anna Sherman, A. Edward Kelsey and Mary W. Macomber.
From Greenwich: Christopher A. Snipher, E. Annah Tucker, Carrie G. Buffington and Sarah M. Carpenter.
From Swansea: Marianna N. Chace, Frank E. Jones, Mary A. Gage, G. Fred Davis and Charles A. Chace.
From Providence: Willis H. White, Valentine C. Meader, Louisa A. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd and Elizabeth A. Gifford. Of whom 13 are present and 5 absent.

The records of our last meeting were read and approved.

The queries were read.

Newport meeting reports a noticeable improvement in the spiritual condition of the congregation, with an average attendance Firstday morning of 44, evening 46, Fourth day evening 24; various members of the congregation have given helpful messages.

Portsmouth Friends are earnestly praying for a renewal of spiritual interest, they report an average attendance First day morning of 50, evening 20, midweek meetings small. The character of the ministry is truly adapted to the needs of the meeting.

At East Greenwich the meetings for worship are sustained about as usual.

The report from the Somerset congregation is encouraging. The good spiritual condition is especially evident in the midweek prayer meeting. The average attendance First-day morning is 86, evening 36, midweek 24. The ministry is adapted to the needs of the meeting. An increasing number are practicing family worship.

At Fall River meeting the spiritual condition remains about the same. The meeting still depends on supplies for the [illegible] monthly service in spite of the [illegible] for a pastor [illegible] is being continued and the future of the meeting depends largely on the success of the endeavor. A Friends Service Committee of six has been formed and systematic work planned. Pledges are already being received toward the Friends Relief Work. The Christian Endeavor Society has enthusiastically responded to this call and helped with money and the making of needed articles.

Christine Leitzman closed her nine weeks of service in Providence Monthly Meeting in the 9th month. The vacation Bible School at Saylesville kept well up in its interest and numbers to the end and the closing exercises together with samples of the work done by the children were so creditable. The meetings on First-day evening, as formed under her influence and assistance, have been continued with increasing numbers, exceeding in attendance the morning meeting.

Some efforts have been put forth in the Monthly Meeting to secure a permanent religious worker to assist in reviving and establishing a fuller religious life among us, and although as yet no definite choice has been made, the purpose to bring this about is evidently strengthening among us.

Early in the 10th month Wilbur K. Thomas gave, in Providence a very illuminating and impressive address on the subject of Reconstruction work as undertaken by the Haverford Unit.

Frank E. Jones opened the discussion on the observance of family worship with an earnest and inspiring address urging the regular and systematic observance of that tremendously important service as a necessity for the life of the nation. A. Edward Kelsey emphasized the importance of making the service attractive to the young. He referred very feelingly to his mother's influence over her four sons, who are all ministers or missionaries, or both, and especially when one of them returned home unannounced and found her alone engaged in the morning duties.

Having finished the business presented at this time we adjourn to meet in Providence Second month 2d. 1918 at 9.30 A.M. if the Lord permit.

Charles A. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence Second Month 2d., 1918.

The records of our last meeting have been read and approved. The Queries have been read.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are

From Rhode Island:- A. Edward Kelley, [illegible] and Annie C. Sherman.

From Greenwich:- Carrie G. Tillingham, E. Annah Tucker and Anna F. Brown.

From Swansea: Luella E. Jones, Frances A. Estes. G. Fred Davis and Charles A. Chace.

From Providence:- Valentine E. Meader, Charles Sisson, Seth K. Gifford, and Edith T. Battey; of whom nine are present and five absent.

Swansea Monthly nominates A. Felix Burns, Marianna A. Chace, Mary A. Gage and A. Homer Skinner for reappointment as elders for three years; the nominations are approved and said Monthly meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment in accordance with the rules of Discipline.

Newport reports a noticeable ~~in the~~ deepening of the spiritual condition of the members: the ministry is most helpful and well adapted to the spiritual condition of the meeting.

Average attendance First day Morning 48, Evening 51. Midweek 27.

As a result of Evangelistic services recently held at Portsmouth many of the members have been quickened in spirit and helped to realize their responsibility to the church and others. The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting.

Both Newport and Portsmouth report no new evidences of spiritual gifts and no new field entered, although Newport reports a slight increase in fields already entered.

At Greenwich notwithstanding the inclement weather and sickness of members, meetings for worship have been held every First-day during the last quarter.

The Somerset congregation has been strengthened by a five week series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Fred H. Tormohlen of Cleveland Ohio. Five active and two associate members have been received with a favorable outlook for more in the near future. The average attendance has been about 63 First day morning, in the evening 35 and midweek 21.

On account of the scarcity of fuel they have arranged to hold union services with the South Somerset M. E. Church, using each house on alternate Sabbath, beginning with the Methodists 1st. mo. 27th.

The Pastoral Committee of Fall River congregation acknowledges with thankfulness that at last its efforts to secure a pastor have been successful and W. Carlton Wood has been secured as our minister; Even in the month he has been with us an improvement has been evident in the life of the meeting. The attendance at the meeting for worship has increased. Every church organization is to make a strong effort to increase its membership. A new spirit of hopefulness is manifest and we take up the work of the church with renewed courage and energy under the leadership of our brother who has been providentially sent to us. The Friends Reconstruction Work is occupying our thought and time at present. A drive for pledges has been carried on during the past week. Members of the committee on Relief Work went out two by two and visited every member of the Meeting where practicable. The visitors were benefitted spiritually by the effort and while the result is not yet known, we confidently expect a large increase in contributions and interest on the part of the membership.

Answers to the questions on the blanks, sent out by the Yearly Meeting, in regard to the Spiritual condition of our Meetings and other matters for the callender year 1917 are received from Providence Monthly Meeting only. The other Meetings are desired to send their reports to our next Meeting to be held at East Greenwich in the First Month when summaries are to be prepared to forward to the Yearly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting having been accomplished we adjourn to meet at East Greenwich First Mo. 4th. at 9.30 A.M. Charles F. Chase Clerk.

An event of much interest to Providence Meeting has been the coming of A. J. Muste, a Congregational minister from Mass. who has severed his relations with his congregation and is soon to take up his residence in Providence. His inspiring presence and deeply spiritual and instructive ministry have been very helpful. A movement among our younger Friends, encouraged and assisted by him, is, we trust, leading to a deeper and more intelligent consideration of the great problems confronting us in these perilous times. The average attendance at the First day morning meeting has been 38. A perceptible increase over the previous quarter. The attendance at Saylesville appears to have been about the same. Charles B. Doyle has been attending the evening service once a month and by his illustrated object talks has helped forward the work with much acceptance

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich Fifth Month 4th. 1918.

The records of our last meeting have been read and approved

On the recomendation of the representatives in attendance Charles A. Chace and E. Annan Tucker were reappointed as clerk and Assistant clerk for one year.

The representatives from the Local meetings are From Rhode Island:- Annie C. Sherman and Isaac B. Macomber.

As only one member attended the business meeting at East Greenwich no representatives were appointed.

From Swansea:- Emma S. Hathaway, Charles Estes, Frank E. Jones and G. Fred Davis.

From Providence:- Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Thomas G. Jackson and Willis H. White.

Seven of the above are present and three are absent.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting nominates Eunice A Greene, Frederick Holman, Laura A. Criswell Mary W. Macomber and Alice Jackson to serve as elders for three years; these nominations are approved by this meeting and said Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment as provided for in our Discipline.

Newport Meeting reports that many of their members were helped to a deeper spiritual life through the ministry of F. H. Tormohlen and three new members added; average attendance. First Day morning 51. evening 69, Midweek 31,

The ministry has been of such a character as to build up the spiritual life of the membership and has been presented in a fearless and forceful manner

Sewing classes have been formed in connection with War Relief Work. There has also been an increased activity in our Missionary Society and Bible School.

Portsmouth has been without a pastor for about three months depending on supplies for the First-day services. Average attendance First-day morning 36, evening service omitted on account of scarcity of fuel; midweek meetings very small. War Relief and Red Cross work has been carried on by two of the Bible School classes.

No report from East Greenwich.

Somerset reports no perceptible change in spiritual condition; the attendance at the Sabbath morning service varies from 35 to 95 according to the weather with an average of about 70. About 20 families have family devotions. As far as known, love and unity are maintained among the membership with an endeavor to be good examples to the world in uprightness of life.

The average attendance of the First Day morning meeting at Fall River has been 36, which is larger than for some years. The men's class is flourishing and increasing in attendance. Cottage prayer meetings have been held with profit. Quakerism week was observed with a supper and interesting exercises. Interest was aroused and several subscriptions to the American Friend obtained. Six new members were welcomed on Easter. The ministry is adapted to the needs of the people.

The report from Providence Monthly which should appear here was copied by mistake on Page 77

A copy of the report blank recommended by the Joint Committee on Report Blanks appointed by the Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight with the answers compiled from the local reports, by the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is inserted here in this book.

The meeting [illegible]
Month 3rd [illegible]
[illegible] Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth Month 3d. 1918.

The records of our last meeting have been read and approved.

The Queries have been read.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are.
From Rhode Island: Eunice A. Green, Fannie C. Sherman, Franklin [illegible], and Anne B. Macomber.
From Greenwich: No report received.
From Swansea: Marianna K. Chace, Charles Estes, [illegible] C. [illegible] and H. Carlton Wood.
From Providence:- Albert C. [illegible], [illegible] C. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Elizabeth H. [illegible], Edith F. Batty and Thomas V. Jackson.
Of whom seven are present and seven absent.

By the report from Rhode Island Local Meeting we are informed that there is no noticeable change in the spiritual condition and life of the meetings.

The average attendance First Day morning has been at Newport 44. Portsmouth 50. Evening Newport 52, Portsmouth small, Midweek Newport 30. Portsmouth very small.

The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meetings. The coming of the sisters Elizabeth and Adda Trout to Portsmouth has given that meeting fresh courage and they are expecting an increase in the attendance.

No new spiritual gifts have been noticed.

At Newport an open air meeting has been held on a public thorofare before the First Day morning session and a regularity of attendance from "the man in [illegible]" has been noticed.

The interest in the Meeting in Fall River still continues and the attendance at the Morning Meeting is fairly good, While some of our members have moved away, others who live in Fall River have come back to us. New members have joined the men's class and the interest is good. The ministry is acceptable and inspiring.

Somerset meeting reports that the spiritual condition and life of the membership, as a whole, is not what it should be. Some are living close to their Heavenly Father, desiring, above all else, to do His will, some are careless, others indifferent. The Sabbath morning meetings are largely attended, the attendance in the evening is small. The gospel is faithfully preached.

The sermons of A. J. Muste have continued with much acceptance at the meeting in Providence. His [illegible] have evidently quickened the spiritual life of the meeting and several non-members have become interested in our services. The group of young people, mentioned in our last report has continued its study of present day social problems. A. J. Muste has also given acceptable service during our last Yearly Meeting and at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Westtown Young Friends Conference and more recently at a Young Friends Conference in Richmond Indiana. Charles B. [illegible] has presented interesting exercises on the Third First Day in each month at Saylesville and A. J. Muste has attended the evening meeting on each [illegible] First Day. The attendance at the Monthly Meeting at Saylesville 7th mo. 27th was unusually large.

Providence Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight informs this meeting that it is satisfied that Abraham John Muste has received a gift in the ministry; whereupon we appoint Frank C. Jones, Wilbraham Wood, [illegible] [illegible] and Charles [illegible] to consider this matter [illegible] [illegible] After [illegible] the Committee reported that they were united in approving the action of Providence Local Meeting. The Clerk is directed to inform Providence Monthly Meeting that this meeting concurs in the action of [illegible]

[illegible] as above set forth.
No further business being presented we adjourn to meet in Fall River in the Eleventh month if the Lord will.
Charles H. Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River 11th mo. 2d 1918

The clerk being absent, Thomas J. Battey was appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives from the Local Meetings were -
Rhode Island:- Alice Jackson, Eunice Green, Annie Sherman and Mary W. Macomber.
Greenwich:- No report.
Swansea:- Charles Estes, Emma S. Hathaway, Frank E. Jones and W. Carlton Wood.
Providence:- Albert R. Macomber, Charles Sisson, Willis H. White and Emily S. White.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Queries were read and considered.

Rhode Island Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight sent up the following communication viz. "Elizabeth J. Trout and Adda M. Trout having each given full proof of their gifts in the ministry by the edification, upholding and spiritual help of our meeting and of the meetings of sister churches everywhere, we are united in the recommendation their gifts in the Christian ministry be officially recognized."

Whereupon we appoint W. Carlton Wood, Annie Sherman, Mary W. Macomber, and Charles Sisson, a Committee to consider the matter as required by our Discipline and report at our next meeting in the 2d month. Nine of the representatives were present and three were absent. The meeting then adjourned proposing to meet at the usual time in the 2d month in Providence if the Lord will.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second month First 1919.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries were read and answers considered.

The representatives from Rhode Island Local Meeting are Mary H. Macomber, Annie C. [illegible] and [illegible] O. Macomber.

From Greenwich: no report.

From Swansea:- Frank C. Jones, Frances H. [illegible], Mary H. Gage and W. Carlton Wood.

From Providence:- S. Gardner Chace, Augusta H. [illegible], Thomas G. Jackson and Susan J. Knight,

Who are present except two, a sufficient reason is given for the absence of one.

Swansea Monthly Meeting nominates Caroline H. DeBlois, Emma G. Hathaway and Alice C. Wood to the station of Elder for a term of three years. This meeting approves of the nominations and the said Monthly Meeting may proceed with their appointment.

W. Carlton Wood on behalf of the committee appointed at our last meeting, reports that they were united in approving the recommendation of Rhode Island Local Meeting that the gifts in the ministry of Elizabeth J. Trout and Anna M. Trout be officially recognized. This meeting concurs in the action of the Local Meeting and the clerk is directed to inform Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the usual time in the Fifth month if the Lord permits Charles H. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich Fifth month Third 1917.

The minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved.

Charles A. Chace and E. Anna L. Tucker are continued for another year a clerk and assistant clerk.

The representatives from Rhode Island Local Meeting are Annie C. Sherman and Orlando C. Williams.

One member of East Greenwich meeting gave a brief verbal report of conditions there and stated that no meeting on ministry and oversight has been held.

The representatives from Swansea Local meeting are W. Carlton Wood, Frank E. Jones, Marianna H. Chace and Charles A. Chace.

From Providence: Elizabeth A. Gifford, Willis H. White, Charles Sisson, Thomas Y. Jackson and Elizabeth Johnson.

Seven of the above named are in attendance and four have failed to appear.

We appoint Thomas Y. Jackson, E. Anna L. Tucker, Frances A. Estes, Jennie B. Macomber and Emma L. Hathaway as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Moses Brown School Providence next month.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet at the usual time in the Eighth Month

If the Lord will

Charles A. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Eighth month [illegible] [illegible].

"The minutes of our last meeting have been read and accepted.

The Queries have been read and considered.

The representatives from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting [illegible] Jackson, Mary S. [illegible], Daniel [illegible] and [illegible] P. [illegible].

Greenwich Monthly Meeting writes that meetings for worship are being regularly held [illegible] [illegible] with blessing and profit. No representatives were appointed to attend this meeting.

The representatives from [illegible] [illegible] W. Carleton Wood, Emma S. [illegible] and Charles H. [illegible].

"Fall River Meeting [illegible] [illegible] that W. Carleton Wood is about to leave his [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] of his [illegible] in the [illegible] of his faithfulness to every [illegible] that his work in the new place may be as [illegible] with us and that our [illegible] blessing may go with him."

The representatives from Providence Monthly Meeting are [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Johnston and Elizabeth [illegible].

Interesting reports on [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] were given from some of our meetings which indicate that the consideration of the subject has been profitable, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] should be given to the matter.

Adjourned to meet in Fall River Eleventh month First

Charles H. [illegible] Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends for Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River [illegible] [illegible] First Mo.

The [illegible]

The queries have been read.

The representatives from Rhode Island Local Meeting are Mary W. Macomber, Annie Thurman Orlando Williams and Adra Trout. From Greenwich: None were appointed from Swansea; Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, Emma S. Hathaway and Marianna W. Chace. From Providence; Edith T. Batty. Valentine E. Mader, Emily S. White, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Thomas Y. Jackson. Of these ten are present and three absent.

"The congregation in Fall River reports an encouraging condition with an increased attendance at the meeting for worship. The meeting is fortunate in having the services of Charles W. Mesner as Pastor who began his work here in 7th month. The ministry is adapted to the needs of the meeting, and an excellent spirit prevails among the membership.

We are informed verbally that Portsmouth meeting has a great deal to praise the Lord for. Souls have been born into the Kingdom, two of our young people have gone to Bible Training School and others are hoping to go later. A deepening of spiritual life is manifest in Newport meeting. Some of the young people manifest an active interest in the work of the church.

Meetings for worship and business are regularly held at East Greenwich. Those who attend on First days consider these to be seasons of great spiritual profit

During the few week past some of our members have been absent on account of sickness and other reasonable causes.

Providence Monthly Meeting nominates Seth K. Gifford, Valentine E. Meader, Elizabeth Johnston, and Edith T. Battey to serve as Elders for three years, and Mary S. Hasse and Emily S. White to serve in the same capacity for one year to fill vacancies. These nominations are approved by this Meeting and the clerk is directed to inform the said Monthly Meeting that it is at liberty to proceed with their appointment as provided for in our Discipline.

We appoint Charles Estes, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Mary W. Macomber, a committee to present to our next meeting, the names of friends serve as clerks for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in Providence Second Month seventh at 7.30 A. M. if the Lord will
Charles H. Chace Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Ministry and Oversight held at Providence R. I. 2 Mo. 7th 1920.

Owing to the severe snow storm and the practical tying up of the rail roads and electrical lines the representation was very small.

The representatives from Providence were Valentine E. Meader, Elizabeth A. Gifford, and Willis H. White, all of whom were present. From Swansea, Charles H. Mesner, Mary Anna N. Chace, Charles Estes and Frances A. Estes, two of whom were present.

Providence Monthly Meeting reported that it had nominated the following persons for the station of Elder. Emily

S. White. Albert R. Macomber. Mary S. Glass
John C. Cuthbert and William A Brown
The Meeting approved of these nominations.

Swansea Monthly Meeting reported that it was united in recommending the reappointment of Adeline F. Chace, Luella E. Jones and Eliza A. Gisson to the station of Elder for a term of three years. The Meeting approved and the Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with its appointment.

E. Anna Tucker telephoned to Willis H. White of her intention to attend the Quarterly Meeting if possible although the prospect of securing transportation was not good.

The Committee appointed last month to present names of persons to serve as Clerks for the ensuing year were united in proposing the name of E. Anna Tucker for Clerk and Elizabeth Trout for Assistant Clerk.

5 Persons present

The Meeting then adjourned.

Willis H. White.
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at E. Greenwich Fifth Month First 1920.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction.

According to reports from our Local meetings the following named Friends are representatives to this meeting viz: From Rhode Island Miss Trout and Miss Sherman.

From Providence Willis H. White Emily S. White, Thomas Y. Jackson, Thomas J. Battey and Elizabeth A. Gifford.

As no Local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight were held in Swansea and East Greenwich no representatives names were called.

The Queries were read.

The congregation in Newport reports a felt need of a deepening of spiritual life of its membership. The average attendance at the First-day meeting is 35 in the evening 20. Strong evangelistic messages have been given by the pastor. No new gifts are apparent and no new fields of labor. We are glad to report an increase of interest in our Bible school.

At Portsmouth the spiritual condition and life of the congregation is much improved. The average attendance on First-day morning is 40, in the evening 20. The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the meeting above the average. One of our members has a gift in the ministry and steps have been taken to present his name through the proper channel. We have intercessory prayer meetings every Friday afternoon and all-day conferences once a month. There is also Gospel Team work, Junior missionary Society and Bible class study.

No reports from Swansea and East Greenwich.

Providence reports the average attendance on First-day morning meeting to have been 17. for Saylesville 12.

Rhode Island Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is satisfied that Charles H. Corey Jr has a gift in the ministry and submits his name for our attention at this time. We therefore appoint E. Annah Tucker, Charles H. Mesner, and Willis H. White a committee to interview Charles H. Corey Jr. and to report their judgment to a future meeting.

We appoint as our representatives to the next Yearly to be held at Vassalboro Maine Willis H. White, Frances A. Estes, Charles H. Mesner, Luella E. Jones, Charles Estes, Adeline F. Chace Eunice A. Green, Orlando Williams and Drusilla Williams.

Adjourned to meet in Newport 8 month 5th 1920.

E. Annah Tucker
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport 8th Month 7th 1920.

Charles L. Chace was appointed to take the Clerk's place until her arrival.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries have been read and considered.

Our representatives are from

Rhode Island:
Laura A. Cornell, Annie C. Sherman, Eunice A. Green, Isaac B. Macomber;
Somerset:
Mary Abby Gage, Charles Estes, Charles W. Messer, G. Fred Davis;
Providence:
Edith T. Batty, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Valentine E. Meader, Thomas G. Jackson

Of fourteen representatives thirteen were present.

The representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight all attended

Newport meeting shows signs of growth among some of its members since last report. First day morning's average attendance is 46. Evenings 36. Fourth day evenings 23.

The ministry gives forth a strong evangelical message. No new gifts are perceptable. A young people's meeting has been started which predicts an interest among those who attend.

Portsmouth: There is a marked advance in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation. The average attendance on First day mornings is sixty two evening thirty. Mid-week prayer meeting Sixteen. The character of the ministry is excellent. There are evidences of spiritual gifts among our young members and care is being extended toward the exercise of such gifts. Special work entered upon is that of a meeting for the children every two weeks on First-day afternoon. Providence:

The attendance at the First-day morning has averaged 18, and that at Saylesville 2.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to interview Charles H. Corey Jr. reported having attended to this duty and that in their estimation he possesses a gift in gospel ministry. After careful consideration this meeting accepts their report and the clerk is directed to inform Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that this Meeting concurs with Rhode Island Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the recognition of his gift in the ministry.

Having concluded the business in harmony we adjourn to meet in Fall River Eleventh Month 6 if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River Eleventh Month 6th 1920.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

The representatives are from
Rhode Island:
Elizabeth C. Trout, Frederick W. Newman, Annie C. Sherman, Orlando C. Williams,
Swansea.
Adeline F. Chace, Emma R. Buffington, Charles H. Mesner, Charles A. Chace and Mariana N. Chace.
Providence.
Elizabeth A. Gifford, Valentine E. Mesner, Willis H. White, Thomas J. Jackson and Emily S. White.

Newport reports that the spiritual life of some of their members seems to deepen. There is need of improvement. The average attendance on First-day morning 36 Evening 35. Fourth day evening 21. The ministry has been strong in its evangelistic note. No new gifts. No new work entered upon since last report. We are glad to note a deeper interest in our usual activities. There is a wider interest in missions

Portsmouth reports a noticeable improvement in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation. The average attendance is on First-day morning 47 evening 23. Midweek evening 13. The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the meeting. No new gifts, No new work entered upon since last report though there is a wider interest in missions and especially in the Bible School.

Charles W. Meader, Annie C. Sherman and Charles A. Chace were appointed a committee to present names of persons to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

After a harmonious and profitable discussion on the state and needs of our several meetings we adjourn to meet next in Providence Second Month 5" 1921 if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 5th 1921.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

Rhode Island.

Adah M. Trout, Annie C. Sherman, and Mary W. Macomber.

Greenwich.

Charles W. Meader, Frances A. Estes, Marianna A. Chace Lucella E. Jones and Charles A. Chace.

Providence.

Thomas G. Jackson, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Mary S. Chase and Valentine E. Meader.

Of the representatives 3 were absent.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to present names of persons to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the ensuing year wish to defer their report until our next meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in recommending the following named Friends to serve as elders for three years viz: Eunice F. Brown, Frederick W. Bowman, Emma A. Osborn, Mary W. Lacomber and Alice Jackson.

Swansea is united in recommending the reappointment of Marianna R. Chace, Mary A. Gage and A. Homer Skinner to the station of elder for three years and the appointment of Sarah E. Chace for one year in place of Alice E. Wood who has moved to California.

Providence Monthly Meeting unites in recommending the names of S. Caroline Tory, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Valentine E. Meader, Abbie S. Tabor, Mary Amy Gifford to serve as elders for three years. The above nominations are approved by this meeting and the respective Monthly meetings named are at liberty to proceed with their appointments.

Newport reports as follows: God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. Through the baptism of sorrow which has come to our meeting by the sudden translation of Laura P. Sisson to her heavenly home a marked change has been seen in our meeting, a deepening of the spiritual life and unifying its membership in a practical way.

We believe the gospel is of such a character as would advance the cause of Christ building up the Christian life. No new gifts noticeable.

A special Bible class led by Mr Perry of Emmanuel Church in Providence on Friday evenings have been seasons of gaining new light on truth and special blessing to those attending. Cottage prayer meetings for special definite prayer have been held. These have been rewarded by answers. One of the results of these prayer services has been the establishment of a weekly prayer meeting for intercessory prayer.

Portsmouth reports a manifestation of deepening spiritual life of the congregation. The attendance has not been as large due partly to sickness. The character of the ministry is excellent in meeting the needs of the people. There are no new evidences of spiritual gifts. There has been an open door to the ministry of the word to Rockland and Clayville R.I. by our ministry. We report a new awakening in our Sunday school and missionary activities.

Providence Monthly Meeting has taken some preliminary steps looking toward obtaining assistance in our Bible school and other religious work. The Queries were thoughtfully discussed concerning their importance in relation to the individual life.

There rested upon the meeting an earnest desire expressed by some for the advancement and deepening of spiritual power in all our meetings.

Emphasis was laid on the necessity of prayer-united prayer by those who have the care and oversight of our work. The interests of our young people were seriously considered.

In harmony we adjourn to meet at East Greenwich Fifth Month 7, 1921.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich 5 Month 7" 1921.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are. From

Rhode Island.

Elizabeth L. Trout, Mary W. Macomber, Annie E. Sherman Orlando C. Williams,

Swansea:

Frances A. Estes, Charles W. Mesner, Marianna A. Chace, Charles A. Chace.

Providence:

Edith T. Battey, Emily S. White, Thomas J. Jackson, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Willis H. White,

Eight representatives were present.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Queries were read and considered. Newport reports no apparent change in the spiritual condition of its members since last report. There has been about an average attendance of 33 at the services. In the ministry Christ has been held up as the only source of salvation and the utter worthlessness of depending upon human recovered. No new gifts noticed. The weekly Bible class has been very helpful. No new fields of labor entered. A two days Conference was a spiritual blessing to some. Our young people and children enjoyed having a real missionary friend with them.

Portsmouth reports a deepening and quickening of spiritual life. The average attendance at First day morning service not as large as previously owing to sickness and storms. Evening service somewhat smaller than usual. The mid-week attendance has kept up remarkably. The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the meeting. There are no new evidences of spiritual gifts in any of the members but care is being exercised in the case of those who have given evidence. There are advanced activities on missionary lines.

Providence Monthly Meeting regrets its inability to send a very encouraging report of its spiritual condition as a whole. The few who gather for worship feel favored with the divine blessing but we sadly miss the presence of many in membership with us. Nearly a third of those who do attend are not members of the meeting ~~on~~ but are cordially welcome and helpful. With very few young people to fill its ranks our Bible school has diminished and once a month its place is taken by the Home Missionary Society which brings us in touch through one of the District nurses with a very needy field of service to which we are glad to afford some relief. We have also contributed from time to another needy field both in Europe and the Far East.

The W.F.M.S. meets regularly though with diminished numbers and is doing good work.

We are favored with Gospel ministry that is adapted to the needs of those who attend. The average attendance is 14.

At Saylesville during the past year conditions have grown more encouraging. The attendance at the First-day Meeting and the Bible School has increased somewhat and the presence of children gladdens and brightens both. At present the average attendance is 25. The Christmas exercises of the Bible school were well attended. A profitable and interesting program was well carried out. A beautiful evergreen tree was loaded with its customary fruits and flowers and an atmosphere of loyalty and good will was happily manifested.

This Meeting appoints as its representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,
Annie E. Sherman, Annie P. Thurston, Mary H. Macomber, Charles H. Cory Jr, E. Annah Tucker, Christopher A. Shippee, Marianna A. Chace, Laura D. Aydlott, Adaline F. Chace, Charles Estes, Willie H. White Edith T. Batty, Thomas Y. Jackson

Thomas J. Batty.

In harmony we adjourn purposing to meet in Newport Eighth Month Sixth 1921 if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month Sixth 1921.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island,
Mary E. Chace, Charles F. Corey Jr
Nellie P. Thurston, Annie E. Sherman,
Swansea
Emma S. Hathaway, G. Fred Davis
Mary A. Gage, Caroline W. De Blois.
Providence,
Elizabeth A. Gifford, Edith F. Batty,
Thomas J. Jackson, Willis H. White.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved

The Queries were read and carefully considered.

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight are as follows:

Newport shows new signs of spiritual awakening in some of its members. Attendance First-day morning 36, evening 39. Fourth day evening 21. The gospel has been given in its simplicity. Our young people are having charge of the services at the Alms House on First day afternoon, Portsmouth meeting reports a wonderful change for the better in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

The average attendance at First day morning service is 35. Evening service 20. The attendance for mid-week has not been as large this quarter though very spiritual and uplifting. The character of the ministry is excellent and wonderfully adapted to the needs of the meeting. We are glad to be able to say there is new evidence of a spiritual gift and care is being extended toward the exercise and development of such.

Special prayer has been engaged in and a revival interest in both home and foreign missionary work.

Much sewing has been done preparatory to sending Christmas boxes directly to the missionary fields in addition to our gifts of money which have already been sent as follows:

From Every Member Canvas	484.00
For Evangelistic Teams	
Rescue Home (Ohio)	100.00
Blind Children in China	50.00
Native Worker in Africa	

Seven of our representatives reported attendance at Yearly Meeting.

Elizabeth J. Trant was appointed to bring to our next meeting a message the subject to be of her own choosing.

We adjourn in harmony purposing to meet next in Providence.

E. Hannah Tucker Clerk.

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River Eleventh Month 5th 1921.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are, from Rhode Island:

Nellie P. Thurston, Elizabeth F. Trout, Mary W. Macomber and Laura A. Oswald.

Swansea:

Frank E. Jones, Frances A. Estes, Marianna A. Chase, Emma C. Hathaway.

Providence:

Thomas J. Jackson, Emily [illegible]. White

Valentine E. Meader, Mary White Flagg,

Of twelve representatives ten were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries were read and considered.

Reports from our several Monthly meetings are as follows: Rhode Island reports a spiritual advancement in that there seems to be more unity among its membership. Average First-day morning attendance is 43. Evening 25 Mid-weeks 32. We rejoice in the fact of A. Blaine Starbuck being located in our meeting. his messages are clear and direct and adapted to the needs of the people. evidences are seen that some who attend our meeting are hungry for the "truth".

Portsmouth as a whole shows a deepening of spiritual life. The average attendance on First day morning is 30. The evening service is not as large as we wish it might be. Mid week prayer meeting averages 12. The character of the ministry is efficient and well adapted to the needs of the meeting. Encouragement has been extended toward development of spiritual gifts. Three weeks evangelistic meetings have been held. Souls were saved and sanctified and a spiritual deepening is evident in the meeting. The children's meetings are continued also the Friday afternoon meetings for intercession and prayer. At Providence the average attendance on First day mornings is 17. At Saylesville it has been about 35. The increased attendance in both the meetings and Bible school at Saylesville have been sources of encouragement. The following record was made at the united meeting of Providence Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and Pastoral Committee. Elizabeth Anthony Gifford passed to her rest 10th Month 14th 1921. During the 42 years of her membership with us her place has very seldom been vacant at any of our religious gatherings. Sweetness, quietness and faithfulness have marked her record through life and we can now truly say "The memory of the just is blessed." The meeting fully endorses the sentiments expressed in this memorial.

The clerk was requested to read the following minute at this time:

To whom this may come,

Dear Friends:-

Andrew Blaine Starbuck a minister of the Gospel with whom we have full unity being called to Newport Rhode Island Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, for Pastoral work, we ing to issue this minute of recommendation liberating him for such service as the Lord may open. We also commend his wife Hazel a Christian worker and little son Joseph.

And are in love your friends.

Taken from the minutes of Kokomo Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting held at Kokomo Indiana, 10th Mo 6" 1921.

Lewis E. Stout }
Eva Simpson } Clerks

Paul Faulkner Correspondent.

We are encouraged by the presence of these Friends and heartily crave the blessing of God upon their labors in pastoral service in Newport Meeting and may our Christian fellowship be mutually fruitful in Christ.

By previous appointment Elizabeth J. Trout gave the following message using as a topic: "Dangers Facing the Church." The following are a few of the principle points 1st The admonition "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong". We are living in an evil age, x more of immorality sweeping over the world than ever before x There is a tendency on the part of the church to let down the bars x church has lost the hunger for souls x There is not a close enough separation between the church and the world x The church is not sounding the warnings of scripture as it should x There is danger we will be satisfied with accessions regardless of the fact that souls may not have been regenerated x New deceit want straight truth from Scripture and Pulpit has let down to hold its place. God needs men like Elijah Jeremiah and the apostles x while the cry is 'preach smooth things' we must like Jeremiah "Diminish not a word." Sin will be dealt with by our God. Thousands of pulpits vacant because young people have not had a vision of the Christ, x Lack of vision not of compensation is the real cause. x We must stand fast in the faith, at the family altar in our attitude toward worldly amusements. Sabbath desecration and in the Deity of Christ, and all fundamentals of Bible truth.

Lack of time prevented expression of appreciation of this helpful and timely message.

Adjourned to meet in Providence next Second Month Fourth if the Lord will.

E. Anna Tucker Clerk.

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 4th 1922.

The representatives from our Local Meetings in Ministry and Oversight are from Rhode Island.
Elizabeth J. Trout A. Blaine Sturnick Susie C. Sherman, Frederick W. Bowman.
Swansea: Frank E. Jones Jr., Fred Davis, Mary A. Gage and Charles W. Meeker.
Providence
Valentine E. Meader Albert R. Macomber, Elizabeth Johnston, Emily S. White.

All the representatives were present.

The report of the last meeting was read and after a slight correction approved.

On recommendation of a committee chosen for that purpose E. Annah Tucker and Elizabeth J. Trout were re-appointed clerk and assistant clerk for one year.

Providence meeting evidences advancement in spiritual life since our last report. Some of our members are willing to seek and receive the Baptism of the Spirit a doctrine so precious to our Society in its early history. There is also a greater desire to see souls born into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Attendance First day morning 60 Evening 67 Fourth day evening 33. Stirring messages are given under the [illegible] of the Holy Spirit.

Some cottage prayer meetings have been held. The County Jail has been visited and simple Gospel messages given to the inmates. On New Year's day a service was held for our young people and children of the Bible school. Through a visit to the Hospital a man was definitely converted who lived about two weeks. He gave a glowing testimony of Jesus as his Saviour. The meeting is in the midst of special evangelistic services under Fred Cleavenger.

At Portsmouth the life of the congregation is increasing in spirituality. The character of the ministry is approved of God and man.

At Saylesville the attendance and interest in both meeting and Bible school seem happily on the increase. In Providence while the attendance is small it must be remembered that a considerable part of Providence membership habitually attend the First-day morning meeting at Moses Brown School. Attendance for the morning meeting at Saylesville 35 Providence average 17. Bible school 8 to 12

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting nominates Emily A. Holman and Edward A. Faulkner to serve its meeting as elders for 3 years.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting nominates Ellen Lockwood, Christopher C. Chapin, Henry F. Tucker and Sarah M. Carpenter to serve as elders for one year. These nominations are approved by this meeting and said Monthly Meetings [illegible] to [illegible] with this appointment.

Having in harmony concluded the business we adjourn purposing to meet next in East Greenwich if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in East Greenwich, Fifth Month 6", 1922.

The representatives to this meeting are from Rhode Island:
Mary W. Macomber Elizabeth J. Trout Annie E. Sherman.
Providence:
Thomas J. Jackson Albert R. Macomber Elizabeth Johnston Emily J. White and Thomas L. Battey.

The report of our last meeting was read and approved

The queries were read and considered

The representatives appointed to attend N. E. Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Vassalboro Maine are Thomas L. Battey, Adeline F. Chace, Valentine S. Meader Charles A. Chace, Frances E. Jones, Charles W. Corey Jr, E. Annah Tucker.

Newport reports a healthy growth as to spiritual life. Attendance at first day morning and evening has increased. A cottage prayer meeting in different localities [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] need ~~[illegible]~~ on [illegible]
Average attendance First day morning 61 Evening 64. Fourth day evening 43. We rejoice to have as our pastor one who gives messages that are obtained after much waiting on the Lord for His message for each service. These do not fail to meet the needs of the people. There is evidence of a spiritual gift in one of our young members. Exercise of this gift has been marvelously used of the Lord.

Portsmouth evidences a marked growth in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation. Attendance has increased in the First day morning and evening meetings. Midweek meetings well attended. The ministry is excellent. Three weeks of evangelistic services have been held with Fred [illegible] of Indiana as the evangelist. A great uplift was felt and souls were saved and sanctified. Services are held among the Portuguese every First day afternoon that the weather is favorable. A Portuguese missionary from Cape Verde Islands assists in speaking to the people with the help of another worker.

Providence reports average attendance 20 Saylesville 30. Providence Bible School 7 or 8 Saylesville 35.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet next in Newport Eighth month 5th, 1922.

E. [illegible] [illegible] Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month 5" 1922.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from Rhode Island:

Mary W. Macomber Elizabeth J. Trout, A. Blaine Starbuck, Laura A. Carrell.

Swansea:

Adeline F. Chace Emma B. Buffington Emma S. Hathaway. Charles W. Mesner.

Providence:

Thomas Y. Jackson, Valentine E Meader Edith T. Battey, Emily S. White,

The report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Queries were read and considered.

The representatives appointed to attend the coming Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight all attended.

The spiritual life of the meeting at Newport is encouraging, and in some cases advancement is noticed. Average attendance on First day morning is 66, Evening 55. Fourth day evening is 44, The live gospel ministry is such as to build up believers and its notes of appeal would warn the unsaved. Gospel messages have been given at the Alms House during the summer. The visit of John Thomas who has labored in Korea ten years was a time of rich blessing and spiritual awakening.

At Portsmouth there is evidence

of twenty or thirty [illegible] who are generally in attendance. The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting. A meeting has been held at the Four Corners Tiverton First-day afternoon and evening.

The attendance at the meeting in Providence is practically the same as last reported. A vacation Bible School is being held at Saylesville Meeting house under the care of Katharine [illegible] a member of Saylesville Meeting. This numbers 27 children ranging in age from 5 or 6 years up to 15.

R. I. Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is satisfied that Henry E. Chace has a gift in the ministry, and submits his name for our approval at this time. If so approved, this Meeting requests that a committee consisting of five members be appointed, who shall interview him during the session of the Quarterly Meeting as he may be away in service at a later date. The following committee is appointed by this Meeting viz: A. Blaine Starbuck, Charles A. Chace, Frederick W. Yeolman, E. Annah Tucker and Seth K. Gifford.

In harmony we adjourn (purposing to meet in Fall River Eleventh Month 4" 1922.

E. Annah Tucker Clerk.

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River Eleventh Month 1922.

The representatives appointed by our Local Meetings to attend this meeting from Rhode Island;
Frederick W. Yeoman, Laura A. Dowell
Mary W. Macomber, A. Blaine Starbuck.
Swansea.
Marianna N. Chase, G. Fred Davis
Frank E. Jones Ralph Earle.
Providence:
Thomas C. Jackson Willis E. White
Emily S. White, Archibald Renfrew,
Valentine E. Meader.
All representatives were present except two.

The report of the last meeting read and approved.

Frank E. Jones Mary W. Macomber and Charles White were appointed a committee to present names of Friends to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk for one year.

R. I. Monthly Meeting nominates Isaac B. Macomber and Anna L. Manchester as elders for three years, these nominations are approved by this Meeting and said Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment as provided for in our Discipline.

Portsmouth Meeting reports an increase of spiritual life and attendance. First day morning 44. Evening 23. Fourth day evening 23.

The character of the ministry is well adapted. No new work since last report. The Portuguese work

continues with interest.
At Newport the work has not grown much
there is concern to press forward to consider the needs of those outside the fold. Attendance First day morning 52. Evening 42. Fourth day evening 31. We rejoice that A. Blaine and Hazel Starbuck are to remain another year. We give praise to God that He has given us those who are studying definitely the Bible as the Word of God, have a desire to win souls for Christ. The services at the Alms House also at the Jail continue to meet with blessing. The cottage prayer-meetings have been seasons of blessing.
At Providence the average attendance on First days has been 22. At Saylesville 25. The Bible school at Saylesville has increased in numbers and interest. Average attendance since last report 30. A vacation Bible school under the care of Catharine [illegible] was held for 8 weeks with an average attendance of 27. A beautiful spirit of loyalty and interest pervades the school. At the close of the summer work a successful program was carried out at the Monthly Meeting in August.

The committee appointed to interview Henry E. Chase reported through its chairman A. Blaine Starbuck that the committee were unanimous in recommending the recognition of his gift in the ministry and that he be recorded as a minister. After careful discussion it was [illegible] [illegible] to continue consideration of this subject for three months.

Adjourned to meet at Providence Second Month 3" 1123.

E. Annah Tucker
clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 3' 1923.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are:
Rhode Island
Adda M. Trout, Fredrick W. Keolman, Andrew B. Starbuck, Annie E. Sherman
Providence:
Albert R. Macomber, Thomas Y. Jackson Valentine E. Meader, Edith T. Batty, Emily S. White, Elizabeth Johnston.

Of ten representatives nine were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to present names for clerk and assistant clerk for one year were not present to give a report. The meeting therefore appointed E. Annah Tucker to serve as clerk and Elizabeth J. Trout as assistant clerk for one year.

At Newport a deeper love and unity prevails among our members and a greater desire to see the Kingdom of Christ extended that people may be brought to see their need of a Saviour. Attendance First-day morning 85 evening 92, Fourth-day evening 40. The ministry is in the demonstration of the Spirit and is adapted to the needs of the congregation.

The same line of work is carried on as at last report. Cottage prayer meetings are a blessing to those who attend. The services at the jail continue. Straight gospel messages are given. Our mid-week prayer meeting is a time of refreshing and blessing. At one of these recently one who had wandered from the Father's care and love openly confessed her wrong and came to the altar, seemingly was helped. Since the New Year nine have been seekers at the altar on First-day evening.

The dedication of our Meeting House was followed by a special evangelistic services conducted by John Chilson of Indiana. These were times of great blessing and opportunity. Some were definitely helped. Some found Jesus as their Saviour for the first time. Back sliders came back and believers sought and found the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our Meeting was refreshed and quickened.

At Portsmouth the Meeting is in good spiritual condition. Attendance on First day morning is 42, Evening 28, Mid-week meeting 19. The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting.

At Providence at First day morning meetings there has been an

The last three was the 7, Tayler-ville about 30, and the Bible School in each respectively 10 and 45. A good spirit seems to prevail in both meetings.

Charles H. Mesner gave a Summary verbal report of the Meeting at Fall River. As the name of Henry E. Chase has been removed from R. I. Monthly Meeting by certificate no further consideration relating to his being recorded as a Minister by this Meeting was possible.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet in East Greenwich Fifth Month 5" 1923, if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in East Greenwich May 5" 1123.

The representatives to this meeting are from, Rhode Island,
Phebe A. Corey Adda M. Trout Annie E. Sherman,
Greenwich:
Luella M. Jones, Charles A. Chace, Charles H. Mesner, G. Fred Davis,
Providence:
Willis H. White, Thomas Y. Jackson Valentine E. Meader, Elizabeth Johnston Albert R. Macomber,

Of ten representatives two were absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

our several congregations report as follows:

At Newport the exercises of our meeting produce those activities which tell of the deep spiritual life of some of its members, and the reaching forward of others to a closer walk with The Master

Attendance First-day morning 69, Evening 62. Fourth day evening about 35.

At Portsmouth the spiritual condition and life of the Meeting are very good. Much liberty in prayer and testimony in all our meetings. We have the blessed gospel preached and an excellent response from the people and the members who are walking in the light cherish the truth. Bible study is connected with the intercessory prayer meeting and great interest is manifested.

Attendance First day morning 35, Evening 18. Fourth day evening 12.

Swansea reports that it greatly misses the services of Frank E. Jones whose health is impaired. In spite of this handicap interest is good. This was especially shown at the Easter time also at a social given by the Bible School April 19" Visiting ministers have been helpful in the Sunday morning meeting.

Fall River has felt the hardship of a great amount of sickness

The young peoples work is going forward nicely, this year being the met for a long time in Fall River Meeting. April 15" was observed as Young Friends day. On April 29" a Young Friends Rally was held. Invitations were sent to about a dozen Meetings asking their young Friends to join with us in this event. Allens Neck and South Somerset responded with splendid delegations. A banquet was served by the ladies of the Fall River Meeting. Toasts were given after which a Pageant by ten young women of the Fall River Meeting was given. A. Elton Trueblood of Woonsocket gave the address of the evening. Eighteen new members were welcomed into the church May 18".

At Providence the attendance First day morning averages 20. Bible school about 10.

Saylesville Bible school is increasing in numbers so rapidly that the Monthly Meeting is taking steps to so alter the Meetinghouse as better to accommodate both Meeting and School. A good degree of unity prevails and the forward look is very apparent.

Providence Friends continue to hold their mid-week meeting on Fifth day evenings in different homes thereby in many instances enabling some who are aged or infirm to have the privilege of a meeting from which they would otherwise be denied. The members attending these meetings not large but the interest appears to be sustained and we trust is increasing.

Our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight next to be held in Providence are: Charles S. Cross, Andrew B. Starbuck, Thomas J. Jackson, Valentine C. Meader, J. Fred Davis, Thomas J. Battey, Charles H. Mesner, Frances T. Estes, Willie H. White, E. Hannah Tucker, Elizabeth Johnston, Emelia M. Jones, Addie P. Thurston, Elizabeth S. Trout, Charles H. Corey Jr., Peace Starbuck, Frederick H. Holman. Of 17, 4 were absent.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet next at Newport Eighth Month 4th if the Lord will.

E. Hannah Tucker, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month 4th 1923.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are from

Rhode Island:

Frederick H. Holman, Addie P. Thurston, Phebe A. Corey, Laura B. [illegible], Andrew B. Starbuck.

Greenwich: E. Hannah Tucker.

Swansea:

Emma L. Bateman, Mary E. [illegible], Frances Estes, Charles H. Mesner.

Providence:

Valentine E. Leeder, Archie and Perkins, Edith J. Bailey, Willis H. White Charles H. White Emily L. White.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries have been read and considered.

Of the representatives appointed to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and all attended except four.

At Newport meeting there are signs of helpfulness and a spirit of prayer.

Attendance First day morning 67. Evening 62. Fourth day evening 41. Great liberty is exercised in the ministry of the Word.

Services are held at the jail and almshouse. Some who have the gift of song have entered a new field of labor at the hospitals.

Our Bible School has kept up its interest during the summer.

A missionary workers class has been formed. The "[illegible] Camp Meeting" was a time of spiritual enrichment to the Christian. A man of eighty-eight years of age bowed at the altar and gave up his pipe after seventy years of constant use. It is a desire of some Friends that such a gathering be held annually. The ministry has been such that it has spoken to the minds of the hearers. The jail service and special cottage prayer-meetings are being held. Ten have united with us. Among those

mother with her two young children.
We have had one field visit by the All-Friends Conference since last Quarter with Earnest Johnson as speaker.

Portsmouth Meeting is in good spiritual condition. Attendance First day mornings 44. Evenings 22. Midweek 14. The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting. We have the full gospel preached. Many of the members are growing spiritually. We have one afternoon each week for Bible study and intercessory prayer.

At Providence the average attendance at the First day morning is 26. Bible school about 12. At Saylesville 32½ and 31½. At our first Monthly Meeting for summer held in Saylesville the teachers and scholars of the Bible school presented an interesting program consisting of songs, recitations of texts and longer portions of Scripture and a variety of selections adapted to different ages down to the youngest. All showing much painstaking care on the part of the teachers and a responsive spirit in the children. About 75 were present. A part of this exercise was repeated at the children's gathering in Moses Brown school on First day afternoon at Yearly Meeting and was warmly appreciated.

No further business appearing we adjourned purposing to meet at the appointed time at Fall River, the Lord permitting.

E. Hannah [illegible],
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Fall River Eleventh Month 3" 1923.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are from
Rhode Island:
Mary W. Macomber, Nellie P. Thurston, Adda M. Grant, Isaac B. Macomber and Annie E. Sherman.
Providence:
Willis B. White Emily S. White Valentine E. Meader, Elizabeth Johnston and Thomas J. Battey.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries have been read at this time.

This meeting approves of the following named Friends to serve Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for three years viz: Frederick W. Tillman, Mary W. Macomber, Alice Jackson, Laura B. Howell,

Newport reports that many of their members are growing spiritually. Average attendance Sunday morning 72 Sunday evening 75. Wednesday evening 39. We are blest in having the gospel preached in purity and simplicity. We have granted our pastor a leave of absence which time he is using for acquiring a deeper knowledge of the Bible. During this period Elizabeth J. and Adda M. Grant are doing pastoral work with us.

This arrangement is proving most satisfactory and we are grateful to the Lord who so graciously meets the need of the Meeting. No new gift received.

Our Bible school is advancing. The Mission Workers Class did good service this summer. The Jail service is held every two weeks. This class of people welcome our coming. Seed is sown which we trust may have an abundant harvest. The Alms house is visited nearly every week and a Gospel message is given. Newport-Meeting has been richly favored in sitting under the ministry of Charles. The Holy Ghost messages which poured from his lips caused many to take definite steps, some for pardon others for receiving the Holy Ghost while Christians were wonderfully helped up the "Kings Highway."

We are thankful he could give us the full time before sailing for England in answer to an urgent call to come and help and counsel them in the Lord's work. Harold and Alice Tollefson are fitting themselves for the Lord's work by taking study at the Westfield Union Seminary where also Mary E. Nixon is studying.

Portsmouth is humbly thankful for increase of spiritual interest among those who are on the stretch for God's best. The attendance on Sunday morning averages 54. Sunday evening 21. Wednesday evening 19.

The character of the ministry meets the needs of the people and is owned and blessed by the Holy Ghost. He is [illegible] the ministry of the Truth [illegible] most wonderfully. There are some new evidences of spiritual gifts, and care is being taken in regard to them. We still continue our intercessory prayer meetings and find them a great source of strength and up-lift. Our Meeting is favored in having one of our young members attending Platfield Training Bible seminary. Elizabeth Earle is there fitting herself for Christian work. Also Olive and Robert Earle are attending the Academy. In this day care should be extended by parents to see that their children have a guarded school life.

At Providence the morning averages 20. Midweek meeting 7. Bible School 11. Saylesville morning meeting 31. Bible school 47.

A committee consisting of Thomas J. Battey, Annie E. Thomas and Adda M. Grant was appointed to bring forward names for Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at the appointed time in Providence if the Lord permit.

Elizabeth J. Grant
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month, 2, 1924.

The representatives from our Local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight are from

Rhode Island
Mary W. Macomber, Adda M. Trout,
Nellie P. Thurston and Annie C. Sherman -
Swansea -
G. Fred Davis, Frank E. Jones
Luella C. Jones and Charles M. Mesner,
Providence
Thomas J. Battey, Valentine E. Meader,
Archibald Renfrew, Mary R. Gifford,
Emily S. White and Willis H. White of whom all present except three

The report of the last meeting was read and stands approved.

On recommendation of a committee chosen for the purpose Annie C. Sherman and Charles M Mesner were appointed as clerk and assistant clerk for one year.

The minute of Charles and May Replogle ministers from Nebraska Yearly Meeting who are travelling in the interest of Friends Central College was presented to the meeting. Expressions of welcome to these friends were given.

Our several meetings report as follows.

Newport We are thankful to report that most of our members who attend the services are growing spiritually

Attendance First day morning 59 Evening 57 Fourthday evening 35.

For the past quarter Adda M. and Elizabeth J. Trout have done pastoral work in our meeting, Messages have been given under the guidance and power of the Holy Ghost, taking the character of both preaching to the unconverted and also that of teaching, building up and establishing the believer. We are thankful that during the absence of our pastor Andrew B. Starbuck God so marvelously met the need of Newport meeting. Truly it has been faithfully shepherded. We are looking forward to the return of our pastor and family in the near future.

The services at the Alms house are kept up. During the holidays Christmas exercises were given with a Gospel message. Every two weeks the Jail is visited and the Gospel given. The inmates listen and we trust the seed sown will bring forth eternal fruit

Our Bible School is a field of labour at Christmas we had White Gifts as we have had for several years. The offering was $104.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society meets usually monthly. It has special instruction along missionary lines. A conference was held which was a blessing and help to attendants.

Portsmouth. The spiritual interest in our meetings we feel is increasing and new life is becoming evident in those who are pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Attendance Sunday morning 50 evening 24
Wednesday evening prayer meeting 20.

The character of the ministry is increasingly helpful and well adapted to the needs of the meeting and we feel truly thankful for having those minister to us who preach a full Gospel without compromise.

Some are showing increasing evidence of gifts and care is being taken to encourage them in the same

There has been a marked interest in

advancing the Kingdom of God at home and abroad and the monthly meeting is educating an Indian boy to take the Gospel to his own people. An all day conference has been held at Newport with much profit and interest.

Saylesville. On 7th day evening preceding Christmas about 90 gathered in Saylesville meeting house on the occasion of the usual exercises by the children and distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. Refreshments were afterwards served and the happy group dispersed.

It was very encouraging to see so many parents and friends of the children thus showing their interest by attendance on the efforts put forth to entertain the little ones and show what they had learned.

It also afforded an opportunity to inspect the new arrangement on the second floor for class rooms for the use of the Bible School. There are six or seven of these each comfortably seated and provided with a good black board. The new heating apparatus is doing its work well also.

At the Providence meeting on 20th of 1st mo. we were favored with the presence of Henry Scattergood of Philadelphia who gave an admirable address on means and methods of securing peace and good will between nations. He pointed out in a lucid and forceful way the dangers that are lurking in the present conditions of fear, distrust and self seeking so manifest as an after math of the Great War. His outlook however was hopeful but there must be no slackening of the efforts that are being put forth to create a better understanding between nation and nation

The attendance at Providence Morning meeting has averaged for the past quarter 21, and the Bible School and Midweek meeting about 9 each

At Saylesville the morning meeting has averaged 31, and Bible School 40.

The Queries have been read.

Swansea Monthly Meeting nominates Adeline F. Chase, Luella [illegible] Jones and Laura B. Aydelott to serve its meeting as elders for three years.

Providence Monthly Meeting nominates S. Caroline Toby, Valentine E. Meader Abbie M. Taber and Mary A. Gifford to serve as elders for three years.

These nominations are approved by this meeting and said Monthly Meetings are at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn to meet at the usual time in East Greenwich if the Lord so permit

Annie C. Sherman,
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in East Greenwich Fifth Month 3rd 1924.

The representatives to this meeting are from

Rhode Island Andrew B. Starbuck, Frederick W. Holman - Elizabeth L. Trout - Annie C. Sherman -

Swansea - Charles A. Chase, Adeline F. Chase, G. Fred Davis, Charles W. Mesner.

Providence Willis H. White, Emily S. White, Albert R. Macomber, Thomas Y. Jackson Myra Meader, Thomas L. Battey

Of fourteen representatives ten were present and four were absent.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

The Queries were read.

Our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight next to be held in Vassalboro Maine 6.24.1924. are

Willis H. White, Frank E. Jones, Charles A. Chase, Thomas J. Battey, Luella E. Jones, Adeline F. Chase, E. Annah Tucker Charles W. Mesner, G. Fred Davis.

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings are as follows -

Rhode Island - Newport. Many of our members, who are regular attendants of our services seem to be in a good spiritual condition, While among others we would desire to see visible fruit of their vital relation with Christ.

Average attendance Sunday Morning 58 Evening 54 Wednesday evening 38.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation. We are thankful to have back with us again our pastor and family. No new gifts visible.

The Bible School has encouraging features. A larger attendance. One class of boys has assumed the support of a boy in China. Our service at the Jail is kept up. The Gospel is given in its simplicity. At the Almshouse those who attend seem to enjoy our coming and there are more that avail themselves of the meetings. Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meetings are of interest. The Young People's Missionary Meetings are held generally monthly. Instructive and helpful talks are given.

Portsmouth. The spiritual condition of the meeting is excellent. Our meeting was never in a better condition spiritually than now. The people obey the Holy Ghost when He speaks.

Average Attendance. Morning Service 54 Evening 34. Midweek 20.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation. There are no new gifts in the ministry. Some of our members have been led to speak to the children in the Bible School which is very helpful and instructive.

No new work entered upon. A growing interest in the Bible School attendance increasing. The attendance has nearly doubled. The offerings have more than doubled. We have Young Peoples meeting every two weeks. Missionary

Society meets each month. Much sewing is done to go to the foreign field, also home missionary sewing.

Providence

The average attendance of our Meetings and Bible School during the last Quarter has been as followers.

	Providence	Saylesville
Morning Meeting	27	22
Mid week Meeting	13	None held
Bible School	12	38

Several of the morning meetings in Providence have had interesting addresses from different speakers.

Robert E. Pretlow has set forth impressively various phases of the work done by the American Friends Service Committee and the continuing needs of those whom they are helping.

Isabel Harley who spent several years in relief work in Turkey told us of her service and hardships there and the present crying needs of the Near East.

Thomas Harrison gave a very impressive sermon on the utter barbarity of war as carried out in the late one and pictured how much more awful must be the next war if it must come with all the new appliances in the art of distruction. To help forestall the possibility of this he is engaged in a great movement to organize the young men of the country into groups pledged to resist all militaristic preparation and propaganda. He pressed home to us Friends the advantage we now have from the fact that as a group we have held fast our peace principles under trial and have suffered for them so that now the nations are willing to trust us and give to us the entrance denied to many. In the light of this he urges Friends to hold fast their testimony and use their influence to its fullest extent in the effort to win the nations to a worthy and lasting peace.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at Newport Eighth Month 2. 1924. if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth Month 2, 1924.

The representatives are from Rhode Island Hazel D. Starbuck, Nellie P. Thurston, Mary W. Macomber, Sadie Grinnell, Andrew B. Starbuck Frederick W. Holman.
Swansea Adeline F. Chase, Mary G. Gage, Frank E. Jones Marianna N. Chase
Providence. Willis H. White, Emily S. White, Thomas Y. Jackson Valentine E. Mead, Katherine Monroe.

All the representatives were present except six.

The assistant clerk being absent Nellie P. Thurston was appointed to fill that position for the day.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

All the representatives to the late Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight attended.

Report from meetings received -
Newport. There are signs of spiritual life among some of our members. The perilous condition of those who are not anchored upon the Rock Christ Jesus is being felt by some of our members.
Average Attendance.
Sunday morning 51. Evening 64.
Wednesday Evening -

The character of the ministry is excellent, well adapted to the needs of the congregation. The messages are given under the guidance of the Spirit and set forth the pure Gospel, holding to the old land marks.

Care is given to our work at the jail and almshouse. Once a week those interested meet for an intercessory prayer service. This is greatly needed and we believe it will be a great help to our meeting.

The indirect influence of the camp meetings which are held at this season of the year is proving a great blessing and our members are encouraged to attend.

Portsmouth.

The spiritual condition of our meeting is increasing in power and strength. The Lord is wonderfully moving on the hearts of our young people also on the older.

The attendance for worship is increasing

First day morning	67	gain	of	13
Evening	46	"	"	12
Mid week evening	29	"	"	9

The character of the ministry being adapted to the needs of the people is proved by God setting His seal upon the work by the marvelous presence of the Holy Ghost in our midst.

No new gifts but special attention is given to our young people.

A young peoples meeting has been organised and by the great interest they show we feel it is a step forward to greater things for the Lord's work.

We had an all day's conference and the people were wonderfully blessed and helped. The Holy Ghost is surely working in the hearts of the people.

On the evening of July 20. We had a missionary rally. Two missionaries being present. In which the Holy Ghost spoke and a number of our young people testified to a call to the foreign and home missionary work.

Providence.

The approximate average attendance at our meetings and Bible School for the last three months has been at

Providence	Morning meeting	22½
	Bible School	12
	Midweek meeting	12
At Saylesville	Morning meeting	35
	Bible School	45

At observance of the Tercentenary of George Fox's birth was held at Saylesville July 26. It was an all day meeting At 10.30 A.M. an address of welcome was given by Robert P. Gifford. This was followed by papers from George Wolkins of Newton Highlands Mass our Yearly Meeting Treasurer and one by Elizabeth D. Bisson of Providence. In the first of these we were led to consider the slow growth of Spiritual Christianity in England from the days of John Wyclif and his translation of the Bible through the centuries till the Reformation thus preparing the way for those groups of seekers who were as ground divinely prepared whence from George Fox gathered such a harvest in the Lord's good time.

The second paper dealt mainly with Fox's Pendle Hill experience and the results that followed in training up a group of able leaders who as co-workers with him could carry the message to all parts of England and adjacent countries.

A pastor from each of three neighboring Churches came in to fraternize with Friends and were given an opportunity to speak. It was quite wonderful to hear all three of them in succession almost out quaker even Quakerdom in their advance of the principles of peace and in their abhorrence of war. "Never more must it be again" was the burden of their messages.

After a basket lunch had been partaken of in social fellowship on the beautiful grounds about the old meeting-house the children entertained us with hymns recitations of Scripture and a lengthy series of extracts illustrating many experiences in George Fox's life and labors.

In the morning the house was nearly filled there was a large and attentive gathering all through.

At the close Lyra Wilkins our Yearly

Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools gave a brief address of appreciation to the children and all the others who had taken so much pains to make the observance a success. A business session of the Pastoral Committee and Monthly Meeting followed the anniversary exercises and so rounded out the day.

The Queries were read.

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn to meet in Fall River next Eleventh Month if the Lord wills

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

11-1-1924.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River Eleventh Month 1, 1924.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are from.

Rhode Island. Mary V. Macomber, Frederick W. Holman, Nellie P. Thurston Andrew S. Starbuck.

Swansea Charles A. Chase, Emma S. Hatheway, Adeline F. Chase, Frank E. Jones and Sarah E. Chase

Providence Thomas Y. Jackson, Archibald G. Renfrew, Willis H. White Emily S. White.

Of the thirteen representatives all were present except one.

The minutes of last Quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports from the meetings are

Newport The spiritual condition of our meeting is hopeful, Some have gone down deeper in the spiritual life.

Attendance
Sunday Morning   evening
Midweek Prayer Meeting 43

We are favored in having the Gospel given in its simplicity under the direction of the Spirit. The messages are well adapted to the needs of the hearers.

No new gifts apparent. Harold N. and Gladys M. Tollefson have left to take up pastoral work at East Parsonfield Maine. Two of our young women have gone to Cleveland Bible School to prepare themselves to be better equipped in the Word of God.

The work at the Alms house and County Jail receives our attention. We are glad to report one profession of conversion at the latter institution and after this young man's release he found his way to the Friends meeting and seemed very bright in his new found christian life.

In September we once more had the privilege of having Fred Clevenger with us. The preaching was in the power of the Holy Ghost We believe work was done for eternity. On the last Sunday our friend addressed the Sunday School

One conference was held during the special meetings. This was a season of refreshing and profit to those who attended and listened to the deep heart searching messages of Mr. Clevenger.

Before closing the report we wish to speak of the College Prayer Meetings which have been held fortnightly. These have been times of blessing.

Portsmouth. Spiritual Condition of Meeting. We feel humbly thankful before the Lord that He is prospering us increasingly in spiritual things

Attendance First Day Morning 61
Evening 42
Midweek 26.

We feel so grateful to our Heavenly Father for the ministry of the Word which is increasing in richness and power. We don't understand why He bestows such rich gifts upon us. We feel so unworthy of it all.

There are new evidence of spiritual gifts and care is being taken to encourage the same.

The Young Peoples Meeting started just before the last quarter is developing leadership on the part of our young people which is felt in our other services and is proving very helpful to them spiritually.

Providence Sarah Caroline Toby elder died 9th Mo. 19th 1924 aged 80 years 7 months and 11 days.

She has long filled the position of elder in our Monthly Meeting and while health and strength remained was a diligent attender at meeting and Bible School and showed an interest in all our Society matters. She was the last survivor of the family of Samuel Boyd Toby long an influential one in our Quarterly and Yearly Meetings

The average attendance at Providence Morninmeeting for the last three months has been 21 Bible School 10. and mid week meeting (evening) 12

For Saylesville the attendance Sabbath morning has been 32. Bible School 41

The Queries were read.

This meeting approves of the following named Friends to serve Rhode Island Monthly Meeting as elders for three years Edward C. Faulkner and Emily A. Holman

The following persons were appointed a committee to present names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensueing year.
E. Annah Tucker, Mary W. Macomber
Thomas J. Battey.

We adjourn to meet in Providence next Second Month if the Lord so wills.

Annie C. Sherman -
Clerk.

2-7-1925.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 7. 1925

The representatives from our Local Meetings are
Rhode Island Andrew B. Starbuck, Laura A. Orswell, Frederick W. Holman, Sarah E. Grinell.
Swansea (no report)
Providence Willis H. White, Valentine E Meader, Edith T. Battey, Emily S. White

Of the eight representatives six were present.

The committee appointed last quarter to recommend names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for one year -

presented the names of Annie C. Sherman for clerk and Charles Mesner for assistant clerk. This report was approved by the meeting and the above named Friends are appointed to serve in their respective offices for the present year.

The assistant clerk not being present Adda M. Trout was appointed to fill that office for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stand approved.

Reports from all meetings are

Portsmouth.

We feel that our meeting is deepening spiritually. This is especially true with some of our members who are giving evidence of this in their daily walk and conversation. God's manifest presence in our midst as we meet from time to time is a source of great encouragement to us. In two services held recently the power of God has most marvelously come upon us in the last service referred too, there was no sermon preached invitation was extended (after exhortation) and four souls came to the altar and the young people also show a growing interest and deepening in the things of God, desiring to have the Holy Spirit lead them on.

Our average attendance for Sunday morning is 55 Sunday evening 39, Wednesday evening 30 and Thursday evening Bible Study class between 35 and 45.

We are deeply grateful that God has given us messengers who shun not to to decare the whole counsel of God. giving us with unction and power definite vital living messages that meet the needs of our People.

No new evidence of spiritual gifts since our last report. care is being given to those who have already shown such gifts.

We are glad to report new work at this time, that is: Bible study classes are held every Thursday evening, the first for the young people at 6.45 led by Miss Adda Trout, the young people are committing to memory chapters in the Bible that make our hearts glad as we listen They are also learning the words to some of the old hymns and studying the life of Elijah. At 7.30 Miss Elizabeth Trout holds a class for the older members taking the book of Matthew for our study. The Lord is richly blessing and a great deal of interest is being shown in the study of God's word.

Our young peoples meeting is still growing in interest and a desire is manifested among them to know God in all His fullness and we are reminded of the fact that the Lord is honoring our faith and prayers in our intercessory prayer meetings held Thursday afternoon in marked answers to definite requests in convicting and converting power and we feel like setting our faces like flint Zionward remembering that our prospects are as bright as God's promises

Newport

We believe some of our members are growing spiritually and are prayerfully following the Spirits leadings. In others there is a need of being quickened in the divine life.

Attendance Sunday morning 50 Evening 47

Under the Spirits guidance messages are given in our meetings for worship that are heart searching and the spiritual needs of the congregation are spoken to in a forceful and convincing manner

The visits to the almshouse are continued, Gospel messages are given The Monday evening after Christmas a group went to that institution and gave a special program which consisted of singing and a few recitations with a short Gospel message of the advent of Jesus into the world. Gifts were given to the inmates.

Since the New year there has been held on Friday evening a Bible Class taking up the study of Matthew which is taught by Miss Elizabeth Trout This is proving a great blessing and help to our meeting. The visits to the hospital have been continued during the quarter.

Providence

The attendance for the last three months has been as follows

Providence	Morning Meeting	26
	Midweek meeting	10
	Bible School	12
Bayleswille	morning meeting	$33\frac{1}{3}$
	Bible School	$37\frac{1}{2}$

The Queries were read.

Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that they had nominated the following persons to serve that meeting as elders for three years Adeline F Chase, Mary Abbie Gage and Laura B. Aydelott

This was approved by the meeting.

We adjourn purposing to meet in East Greenwich Fifth Month 2. if the Lord so wills

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

5-2-1925.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at East Greenwich Fifth Month 2. 1925

The representatives from our local meetings are from

Rhode Island Frederick W. Holman, Nellie P. Thurston, Mary W. Macomber, Andrew B. Starbuck.

Swansea Charles A. Chase Charles W. Mesner, Adeline F. Chase, G. Fred Davis, Frank E. Jones, Marianna M. Chase.

Providence Catharine Munroe, Valentine E. Meader, Willis H. White. Emily S. White.

Of these representatives all were present except one.

The minutes of last Quarter were read and stand approved.

Local meetings reported as follows.

Newport.

Evidences are seen of the deepening in the spiritual life and a steady advance in the things of God by some of our members.

We are glad to report an increase in attendance of children at our morning meeting. We believe this has been caused by a service given especially to them in one of our morning meeting. After the message which was adapted to them. several came forward and definitely ask God to forgive their sins and we believe some will look back to that time as the one when their feet entered the narrow path.

Attendance

Sunday morning 57. Evening 43. Wednesday evening 41. Bible Class 44.

It is with gratitude to our Father that we report that the messages which are given are food for the spiritual man and well adapted to the needs of the congregation a well rounded Gospel is given in words that have the blessing of the Lord upon them

No evidence of spiritual gifts.

The inmates of the alms house were remembered at Easter. Interest continues in the Friday Bible Class. We are glad to report six new members and one associate member. also a family has been received by certificate. We desire to keep before us the two fold character that a meeting has in receiving members To take in those who will strengthen the spiritual life of the meeting and also holding out a helping guarding influence over those of tender years to lead them early into a decision of yielding their hearts and lives to Jesus.

Portsmouth

We see no decrease in the spiritual condition and life in most of the congregation Those that are spiritual have a good spiritual appetite for the rich things of the Kingdom while those that are carnally minded do seek after the things of the world more than the things of God.

The attendance of meeting for public worship is very encouraging. First Day morning 60 Evening 46 and Wednesday evening 31. We are convinced that the people will attend meetings to hear the Gospel of salvation preached.

The character of the ministry is excellent and in accord with the command of Paul to Timothy "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; - - It is certainly adapted to the needs of the people. Some may think that the preaching of the Gospel is foolishness nevertheless it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for sending to us two faithful messengers who were called and anointed by Him to preach the Gospel. They preach the word with no uncertain sound and with power and unction in the Holy Ghost. They came to us with the message of salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus which will never lose its power and to lead all that are lost in sin to repentance and the new birth as Jesus told Nicodemus "Ye must be born again" of water and the Spirit if he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. By their faithfulness a large number of young people have been led to repentance of their sins at the altar of prayer and found forgiveness and are now rejoicing in Jesus.

There is no new evidence of spiritual gifts since our last report. Great care is extended towards the exercise and development of such gift. All our meetings for worship are open for prayer and testimony as the Holy Ghost may lead. His presence and power are felt is our meetings

The intercessory prayer meetings still continue every Thursday afternoon which we believe is the source of power in all our meetings. The two Bible Classes still continue every Thursday evening. One for the young people at six-fortyfive by Miss Adda Trout, and one for the older people at seven-thirty by Miss Elizabeth Trout. They are intensely interesting and the interest has not abated in the least. Forty in attendance. Like Aquila and Priscilla they expound the word more perfectly. It is wonderful what interest the young people are taking in the study of the word to show themselves approved unto God. There is also a Young Peoples meeting every First Day evening at six-fortyfive. It is certainly a live meeting. They are all filled with the Spirit and are earnest in prayer and testimony to the saving power of God The interest is increasing and they certainly show the teaching they have at the Thursday evening Bible class. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We have a flourishing Bible School under the leadership of a Spirit filled superintendent Mary W. Macomber who knows the leadings of the Holy Ghost. We have an enrollment of sixtyfive with an average attendance of fifty four. There is a great interest taken in the school by every one. One of the boys has a talent for drawing. He draws on the black board an illustration about the lesson and the superintendent explains the lesson from that. We are sending money each year for the support of five blind

children in China. We also send money to Margaret Holmes to hire a hall to hold meetings in at the North Gate China and to the Rescue Mission at Columbus Ohio.
It is wonderful how God is blessing us Our meeting and school were never in a better place spiritually and financially as it is to day and we will give God all the glory. It pays to be wholly the Lords Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse ..... and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Fall River and Swansea.

The "queries" were read at the meeting each one in turn was carefully considered. Some encouraging features were brought to our attention. During the present quarter interest in the meetings for worship has been especially good in both meetings. The Bible Schools also are very much alive and doing good work. Special programs given at Easter time brought out a large attendance and demonstrated the value of the work being done.

There is a splendid spirit of christian unity manifested in our meetings. Friends are harmoniously laboring together in the love of the Gospel. We find that this spirit of good will not only exists among our members in the local meetings but is directed towards all who bear the name of Friends. It is written if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another 1 John 4:11. An earnest religious exercise for the conversion of sinners, and for the building up of believers will take away any spirit of hatred toward either fundamentalist or modernist and draw us togather in loving service for and with our Master.

It is the desire of this meeting that we may each to the best of our ability occupy under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in humble dependance upon Christ, the spiritual gifts with which we have been entrusted. We desire to manifest a spirit of loving sympathy with all who labor for the up building of the Master's Kingdom. We realize that it is our duty to be good examples to others in uprightness of life, frequently reading the Holy Scriptures and prayerfully seeking a right understanding of them under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit

Providence.

The attendance at our meetings and Bible Schools for the first three months of 1925 was as follows

	Providence	Saylesville
The morning meeting	27	32.5
The mid week meeting	11.5	none held
The Bible School	12.6	43.5

The Queries were read.

Our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight next to be held in Providence Sixth month 23, 1925 are
Thomas J. Battey, Elizabeth J. Trout, E. Annah Tucker, Annie C. Sherman, Mary W. Macomber Willis H. White, Charles A. Chase, Charles W. Mesner, Frank E. Jones.

Providence Monthly meeting reports that they had nominated the following persons to serve as elders for three years Seth K. Gifford, Valentine E. Meader, Edith T. Battey.

These names were approved by the meeting

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn purposing to meet in Newport next Eighth month if the Lord so direct

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

8-1-1925.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport Eighth month 1, 1925

The representatives from our local meetings are

Rhode Island

Emily Holman, Nellie P. Thurston, Phebe A Cory, Hazel D. Starbuck.

Swansea

Adeline F. Chase, Charles A. Chase Laura B. Aydelotte, Charles W. Mesner

Providence Emily S. White, Albert R. Macomber, Charles H. White, Thomas J. Battey.

All of these representatives were present except four.

The assistant clerk being absent Elizabeth J Trout was appoint to fill that office for the day.

The minutes of last quarter were read and approved.

The "Queries" were read.

Of the nine representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight all were present except one.

Reports of meetings

Newport

The Lord is graciously working in our midst. Some of our members are minding His voice and gaining ground. The need of prevailing prayer is finding a larger place in lives. We are aware that with other of our members there is a need of their becoming exercised as to their spiritual standing with the Lord and returning unto Him who bought them with His own precious blood.

Attendance First Day morning 61 Evening 49
Fourth Day evening 34.
Bible School 71
Bible Study Class 32.

We are glad to report in this day of unrest and unbelief that the messages given in our meetings are those that herald forth no uncertain sound as to the infallibility of the Bible and that the blood of Jesus is the only way of redemption The need of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to equip for service. Such messages always meets the needs of the congregation.

Some of our young people, who have been away for Bible training have returned to us and are entering into the activities of the meeting. This has been a great help.

Our Bible School is holding its sessions during the summer months and the attendance is better than last year at this time. This is a cause of encouragement.

One Sunday night in Sixth month, June, we had a visit from the young people of Portsmouth, who took entire charge of the service. This was a most helpful meeting.

an object lesson of how young people and children who have been truly born again will be able to give a personal testimony of what the Lord has done for them. "out of the mouth of babes... Thou hast perfected praise."

Services continues at the almshouse Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

A growth in spiritual things by young and old.

The attendance of meetings is increasing

The character of the ministry

It is well-adapted to the needs of the congregation. The Word is being preached in all its fullness through the Holy Ghost Being instant in season and out of season reprove, rebuke exhort with all long suffering and doctrine

The Sunday School continues in the good work

Spiritual Gifts

No new ones

Special work entered upon

Twenty one of our young people had the evening service at Newport Rhode Island Meeting 6 month 21st.

Average attendance

Sunday morning 63 Evening 51

Mid week prayer meeting 36

Saylesville

Morning meeting 29

Bible School 49

A short period of devotion was entered upon

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn to meet at Fall River in Eleventh month if the Lord so permits

Annie C. Sherman.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held ~~in~~ Fall River, Mass Eleventh Month 7, 1925

The representatives appointed by our local meetings to attend this meeting are

Rhode Island
Mary W. Macomber, Andrew B. Starbuck
Laura A. Oswell, Adda M. Trout.

Swansea.
Marianna N. Chase, Charles A. Chase
Emma S. Hatherway Luella E. Jones,
Emma B. Buffinton

Providence
Thomas J. Battey, Emily S. White
Catherine Monroe, Albert R. Macomber
Archibald G. Renfrew.

All the representative were present except four.

The assisant clerk being absent Mary W. Macomber was appointed to fill that office for this session.

The minutes of last Quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports from the Particular Meetings are.

Newport

We rejoice to report by evidence shown a steady advancement in the christian life of some of our members. We are grieved that this does not include all whose names are on our membership book.

Attendance Sunday Morning 53 Evening 39
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 28

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation. Messages on Sunday morning are especially fitting for the building up of christian character, while those in the evening make a strong appeal to the unsaved but also contain food for the christian Great liberty is given in our meeting for prayer and testimony.

No new spiritual gifts evident. Several of those who were with us during last Quarter have left us. Henry E. and Reba B. Chase to take up pastoral work, and two of our young women to continue their studies at Cleveland Bible Institute.

No new work entered upon since last report. There is a concern upon some that God will mightily work in our midst and those interested are seeing the value of intercessory prayer. from this concern an intercessory prayer meeting has been started on Sunday morning at 9.15. This has already proved a blessing "neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition of the meeting is increasing in power. The Holy Ghost is working on the hearts of the people. We have five services

Morning service	10.30 A.M
Bible School	12. M
Childrens Meeting	1. P.M
Young Peoples "	6.45 P.M
Evening Service	7.30 P.M

We also have midweek prayer meeting Wednesday Evening 7.30

Intercessory prayer meeting Thursday afternoon

Two Bible Classes Thursday Evening. For the young people 6.45; for the older people 7.30 So we feel we are in a good spiritual condition. The Lord wonderfully blesses our meeting

Attendance	Sabbath Morning	70
"	" Evening	51
Midweek meeting		40

The character of the ministry is surely adapted to the needs of the people. As the people are led by the Spirit to get out to hear God's word It shows they have a spirit filled table set before them. Some of the young people are wonderful in prayer and testimony and we believe they will grow up to be workers for the Master. Some have calls to the foreign field. One has a call for the ministry We are giving attention to their spiritual gifts. We have had an all day conference since our last Quarterly Meeting. George Archibald a returned missionary from Africa being the speaker. Which was very helpful and inspiring to greater things. The promise "For them that honor Me. I will honor" is being verified by His manifest presence and power in our midst

Providence and Saylesville

A vacation Bible School was held for four weeks at Saylesville during the summer conducted by Aileen Clemment the same teacher who had the work there the year before. There was an enrollment of 44 and an average attendance of 33. Much interest was manifested and those in closest touch with it were well satisfied with the results

At the conclusion The children took part at one session of the Monthly Meeting in a program of singing and recitations An interesting exhibit of the children's handiwork was also in evidence.

Both the Saylesville and Providence Meetings observed "All Friends Day" on October 4th. General invitations were sent around to the membership and were well responded to so that the attendance on that day was much larger than usual.

The average attendance during the months of August, September and October have been as follows.

Providence	Morning Meeting	26
"	Bible School	9.3
"	Evening Meeting Midweek	15.3
Saylesville	Morning	30.
"	Bible School	40.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Nominates Isaac B. Macomber and Anna L. Manchester to serve as elders for three years. This meeting approved of their appointment The Queries were read.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Thomas J. Battey and Mary W. Macomber was appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as clerks and assistant clerks for one year.

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn to meet in Providence next Second Month if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman.

2-6-1926.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 6, 1926.

The representatives from our Local meetings are—

Rhode Island

Mary W. Macomber, Andrew B. Starbuck, Sadie Gunnell.

Swansea

Charles Estes, Laura B. Aydelott Frank E. Jones.

Providence.

Thomas Y. Jackson, Thomas J. Battey, Albert R. Macomber, Edith T. Battey,

Of these representatives all were present except five.

The late snow storm has blocked traffic causing the stopping of means of travel in many places. Consequently there are few in attendance at this session

The report of the last meeting was read and accepted as read.

The nominating committee had no report to present.

The reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings have been read and are as follows.

Newport

We are glad to report that our meeting has been revived and new spiritual life is shown by many.

We praise the Lord that our meeting is blest with hearing the Gospel preached in its simplicity and purity. The messages are well adapted to the needs of the hearers.

No new spiritual gifts apparent.

Attendance.

Sunday morning 59. Evening 51.

Midweek Meeting 32. Average Special meetings 56.7. Bible School 56.

Services at the Almshouse are under the care of Friends. They seem glad to have us come with the Gospel of salvation from sin. Jesus as the Saviour of the World. At Christmas the inmates were remembered with boxes of candy.

Members of the Newport, R.I. local meeting of Friends are very grateful to their Heavenly Father for the gracious revival of Old Time Pentecostal Religion that was sent them through His humble servant Evangelist W. R. Cox, General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Mr. Cox is a man of God who knows his Bible well and in all of his preaching stays close by the inspired word, he preaches with great power and demonstration of the Spirit. In the language of the Psalmist we can truly say "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." The attendance was very good and the interest was above the average, only a few services were visibly barren, seekers were often found about the altar at the close of the services asking for pardon, purity or to be reclaimed from their backsliding. Some were saved who had not attended religious services for years, many of the members were sanctified by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Church in general deepened in the things of God. The presence of the Holy Ghost was manifestly felt from the the opening to the close.

The generous free will offerings brought into the treasury $329.08. Newport Friends Meeting as a result of this revival has taken on great strength and by the grace of God with all shoulders to the wheel and in perfect unity expects to rout the foe and stand by the Gospel of full salvation as never before.

Saylesville

Saylesville Friends reported an attendance of approximately 100 and a helpful program of exercises at the Christmas entertainment on 12th mo 19th 1925

Their Bible School is reported in a flourishing condition having gained in attendance from last year

The average attendance at Meeting and Bible School the past quarter has been as follows

Providence	Morning Meeting	24
"	Bible School	9
"	Midweek Meeting	12
Saylesville	Morning Meeting	31
"	Bible School	47

We adjourn to meet at East Greenwich Fifth month 1, 1926 if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk

Portsmouth Report
(owing to the storm it did not arrive in time for Quarterly Meeting)

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is still encouraging. The attendance is good at all our meetings

First Day Morning	55
First Day Evening	46
Fourth Day evening	34

Fifth Day Evening Bible Study 36

Owing to bad weather the attendance is not quite as large as last quarter

The character of the ministry is well adapted to the real need of the people. The massages are fresh from God every meeting We feel greatly favored of God in getting the pure Gospel preached when so much infidelity has got in the other meetings. Our ministers have the same Spirit that Paul when he said "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel" The greatest need of all the people to day is Salvation from sin and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. There is some evidence of spiritual gifts and great care is extended towards the exercises and deveopment of such gifts There is a growing interest in the young people's meeting and they have taken the support of a native worker in Luho China There is a great interest in our Bible School and in the support of the missionary work. The two Bible Classes each week still continue with great interest The study of the Word has greatly encouraged and strengthened our faith We feel that there is not enough Teaching of the Word of God which is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Jesus says search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of Me.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in East Greenwich Fifth Month 1st 1926

As the clerk was not present at the opening of the session E. Annah Tucker was appointed assistant clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting are from

Rhode Island

Mary W. Macomber, Andrew B. Starbuck Adda M. Trout Frederick W. Holman Nellie P. Thurston.

Swansea.

Charles Estes Franses Estes, & Fred Davis, Laura B. Aydelott.

Providence.

Thomas Y. Jackson, Valentine E. Meader Willis H. White, Edith T. Battey, Emily S. White, Mary A. Gifford.

East Greenwich

E. Annah Tucker, Ellen Lockwood.

Representative all present but two for which satisfactory reasons were given for their absence.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

The nominating committee brought forward the names of Annie C. Sherman as clerk and Edith T. Battey as assistant clerk. The meeting approved of these Friends serving ~~in these offices~~ and they are appointed to fill these offices until the end of year

The Queries were read.

The reports from the local meetings are

Newport.

We believe that many of our members who regularly attend the services show that they are going on with the Lord. Increasing in the desire to follow and serve Him

Average attendanse
Sunday Morning 54.7 Evening 41.
Bible School 63.5.
Prayer Meeting 32.

The simple Gospel is preached, Jesus the only remedy for the needs of the human heart. The way of Salvation and the way of death are clearly portrayed. The utter fallicy of depending on human goodness but only on the precious blood of Jesus. These messages are given in love and under the guidance of the Holy Ghost and they cannot fail to speak to the needs of the congregation.

The service at the almshouse continues also regular visits to the hospital. Cottage prayer meetings for special intercessory prayer have been held during the quarter. On Easter evening there was special exercises by members of the Bible School accompanied with singing, also our pastor gave an object lesson talk which was a great blessing and God used it as the means of eventually bringing a backslider back to Him sus for which we praise Him

We are glad to report an increase in our attendance which is a direct answer to prayer.

Portsmouth.

The spiritual condition and life of the meeting is still encouraging! We have a good attendance at all of our meetings

First Day morning meeting 55 Evening 39
Fourth Day Evening 30

The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people. We are greatly favored in having the pure Gospel preached. We have a Spirit filled table set for each service.

There are some evidence of spiritual gifts and care is given to the development of such gifts.

The interest in the young people's meeting is still growing We feel very thankful for our young people and for the interest they show in all our meetings.

Our Bible School is still in a flourishing condition They are helping in ~~Home~~ Missionary work in South America China also in Home Missionary Work

The two Bible Classes each week still continue with great interest. We feel greatly encouraged and strengthened in the study of Gods word. No new work has been entered upon since last quarter.

Providence.

The average attendance at Meeting and Bible School for the first Quarter of 1926 has been as follows.

Providence	
First Day Morning Meeting	23.3
Midweek Meeting	10.
Bible School	8.
Saylesville	
Morning Meeting	24.
Bible School	50.

Providence Monthly Meeting inform this meeting that the meeting was united in purposing the following persons for the station of Elder to

serve until 1st Mo 1st 1929."
Emily S. White, Albert R. Macomber, Christine Monroe, William Alden Brown

The Quarterly Meeting endorses the action of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The representatives to attend New England Yearly on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Winthrop Center Maine are
Thomas J. Battey, Willis H. White, Thomas Y. Jackson, Z. Annah Tucker
Laura B. Aydelott

The business of the meeting having been completed. We adjourn to meet at Newport next Eighth Month if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman -
Clerk.

8-7-1926

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment at Newport Eighth Month 7, 1926

From information from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island
Alice Jackson, Hazel Starbuck, Sarah Grinnell - Phoebe Cory.

Swansea (No Report)

Providence
Thomas Y. Jackson, Albert R. Macomber - Willis H. White, Christine Munroe, and Thomas J. Battey.

All of these representatives were present except two.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

The Reports from the local meeting were read and are

Newport

We thank the Lord that He is working in our midst. Signs of spiritual life and growth are seen in some of our members.

Average attendance
First Day Morning 56.5 Evening 52
Mid week 48. Bible School 62.9.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation The preaching is under the direction of the Holy Ghost and with authority based on the written Word.

We are glad to note evidence of spiritual gifts and trust that God's perfect plan may be revealed and carried out in lives

The work at the almshouse continues Our Bible School attendance is about the same. There is a desire on the part of many for a real revival to break out upon our young people. That these may early seek and find the Lord thus being born again their lives may become channels of blessing to others.

We are glad to report one of our members Ruth L. Thurston is working down in the Kentucky mountains among the poor neglected people of that region.

On June 6 we were privileged to have Walter Rhodes and Perry Rich out going missionaries to Friends Mission in Bolivia with us and give helpful messages. On the following Wednesday there was an all day conference with Evangeline Ream of Friends Rescue Home Columbus Ohio as speaker. This was a most practical event of giving interesting information of the work in which she is engaged and also sounding forth a clarion note of warning to the mothers and helpful counsel to all those who had the directing and training of young lives.

Portsmouth

Our meeting is in a good spiritual condition. In all our services there is much liberty and the people are free in prayer and testimony

The attendance is as follows.

First Day	morning	average	52
" "	evening	"	43
Fourth Day	"	"	31

The full Gospel is preached at all the First Day services. The tables are full of the good things right from the Father, and is just what the meeting needs. Praise the Lord there are some left yet that do want the full unadulterated Gospel.

There are no new evidence of spiritual gifts since last quarter. Care is being extended to those of our number who manifest such gifts

One of our members Elisabeth Earle is doing missionary work among the neglected whites in the Kentucky Mountains for the summer.

We were greatly blessed on a recent First Day by the messages brought by our sister Evangeline Ream of Columbus Ohio. In the morning she brought a message from the Scriptures and in the evening told us of her life's work. We were greatly encouraged by her godly life and the way God had answered prayer for her.

On the same day Percy Rich and Walter Rhodes out going missionaries to Bolivia were present and added their testimonies

Providence

We are glad to report that one of our own members Elizabeth Munroe has been engaged to teach a Vacation Bible School at Saylesville for four weeks in which the children are manifesting much interest The enrollment has been 50 and the average attendance 41.

The attendance at Providence morning meeting has been about 20. Midweek meeting about 9. Bible School 8.

Saylesville Morning } 30.5
Bible School } 49.

The Queries were read.

All of the five representatives appointed to attend the yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight were present at that season.

This meeting appoints E. Annah Tucker, Robert P. Gifford and Nellie P. Thurston a nominating committee to bring to our next meeting in Eleventh Month names of persons to serve as clerks and assistant clerks for 1927.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet in Fall River next Eleventh Month if the Lord so wills

Annie C. Sherman,
Clerk.

11-6-1926

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment at Fall River Eleventh Month 6, 1926.

The representatives from our local meetings are from

Rhode Island Phoebe A. Cory, Frederick W. Holman, Nellie P. Thurston, Andrew B. Starbuck.

Swansea
Emma S. Hathaway, Marianna N. Chase, Emma M. Buffinton, Caroline W. De Blois.
Providence.
Thomas J. Battey, Thomas Y. Jackson, Valentine E. Meader, Albert R. Macomber, Emily S. White, Edith T. Battey, Archibald G. Renfrew.

Of these fifteen representatives twelve were present and three absent.

The report of last quarter was read and stands approved.

The following reports were read from our local meetings.

Newport

We are glad to report that God is working in our midst. We humbly thank Him for doing so. There is evidence of an increase of spiritual life among some of our members, This is manifested in their conversation and walk.

Attendance Sunday morning 55 evening 31 Wednesday evening 37.7. Bible School 52.5.

We are favored with a live ministry, messages based on the written word of God are given. These are well adapted to the need of the congregation and are food to the spiritual man.

The young people have a Bible Class on Friday night taught by Ruth L. Thurston. God is honoring the study of His word and visable fruit is being seen. Praise His precious Name. A prayer meeting is held on the same evening by the adults. This has been organized for the deepening of the spiritual life in those that attend it and also for our meeting at large.

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of our meeting is expending and deepening in the things of God, We believe there is a special reaching out on the part of some for a larger conception of our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

The attendance First Day morning is 54 evening 43, On Fourth Day evening is 31.

The character of the Ministry is meeting the need of the meeting in a very precious way.

No new evidence of spiritual gifts, care is taken of those alreddy in evidence. We have started our Bible classes on Thursday Evenings

One of our members Elisabeth Earle, went into the Kentucky mountains about June 1st. to a community where many of the people and the Post-Office are named Taulbee. Ruth L Thurston of Newport and another girl from Cleveland Bible Institute went with her. They went under the direction of Lela McConnell, who has built Mt Carmel School in Bloody Breathitt County that she told us about when she was here two years ago.

The school supplied some furniture for the summer, but when that was returned about August 20th and the two other girls came North Elisabeth felt called to stay and conserve the spiritual work that had been done, and help establish the people in the Lord, and establish Sunday Schools.

Previous to this summer, the people had not heard much of the real Gospel, but had a "church house" and native preacher, who held meetings was a month; and, as he generally took a drink before preaching, they of course thought it nothing wrong for them to drink. The girls were allowed to use the "church house" until they secured an evangelist, Fred Clevenger, when it seemed wise to move to a school house where they had good meetings and some conversions.

Elisabeth has had a struggle to find a place to live, stopping a day or week with a family. Now a girl from Indiana has joined her. There are no roads so most of the traveling is done in the creek bottoms, but it has been very rainy this season and the creeks are more or less filled with water. They travel on foot, on horses and mules.

Some of their experiences with stubborn mules splashing around in the creeks and mud on the banks has been thrilling.

They hold services and Sunday School in two school houses on Sundays and with the children after school at four school houses on four days of the week, making eight services a week. While the old people have responded to the Gospel message and some have given good testimonies, they are not very dependable, and the girls feel their hope lies in the children.

Providence and Saylesville

The attendance for the three month has averaged as follows:—

Providence Morning Meeting	30
Bible School	11.5
Fifth day evening meeting	14.8

For Saylesville

Morning Bible School

Firstday Evening meeting since its opening 10 mo 10th

On 10 mo 10th each of our meetings observed "rally day" sending out invitations to our members to make a special effort to be present on that day. The response was quite gratifying. The attendance of resident members was much increased and a delegation from both Moses Brown and The Lincoln School brought the number of the Providence meeting nearly up to 90. Alexander Purdy was present and rendered valuable service.

At Saylesville the attendance in the morning was 55 and the Bible School 62.

An Evening meeting was started the same day with an attendance of 50 and is still being kept up. Jabez Perry a young man who was a student at Greenwich Academy is lending a helping hand in the work.

There was no report from the nominating committee appointed in Eighth month to bring to this meeting names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk.

Information has been received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that it is united that the following Friends be appointed elders for three years Frederick W. Holman, Mary W. Macomber Alice Jackson and Laura A. Orswell This was approved by the meeting.

The minute of William Blair Neatby and his wife Kate from London Yearly Meeting was read. Our friend William B. Neatby spoke concerning his visit to this country.

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn to meet in Providence on the first Seventh day in Second month if the Lord so wills.

Annie C. Sherman clerk.

2-5-1927

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on ministry and oversight convened at Providence 5

Reports show that the representatives from our local meetings are

Rhode Island.
Annie C. Sherman, Nellie B. Thurston.
Elizabeth J. Trout.
Swansea.
G. Fred Davis, Charles Estes, Frances A. Estes,
Caroline W. De Blois
Providence.
Willis H. White, Albert R. Macomber,
Christine Munroe, Emily S. White, Valentine
E. Meader.

These were all present except two.

The meeting is united in the appointment of Annie C. Sherman as clerk and Edith J. Bolley as assistant clerk for the present year.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

The meeting listened to the reading of reports from our meetings which were.

Newport

There is a steady onward march of pressing towards the heavenly goal on the part of some of our members. Prayer is going up to the throne of God that He will revive His work amongst us. There is need on the part of others to get into close touch with Him

Attendanse Sunday morning 50 Evening 34.7
Midweek prayer meeting 29. Bible School 60.7

The ministry of our pastor is well adapted to the meetings needs. The message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus is faithfully declared. The need of not only having our sins forgiven but pressing on and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost is urged upon the congregation. also to steadfastly walk in His Commandments keeping the upward gaze "Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"

On Friday evening the young People's Bible class is held and at the same time there is an intercessory prayer-meeting in the parsonage.

On the evening of December 27 some of the members of our Bible School went to the Almshouse where a short message on the Saviours birth was given, Christmas hymns were sung and a few selections were recited. Gifts were given to the inmates

There has been one conference held with evangelist Preston Kennedy as speaker This was a time of great spiritual blessing and we believe definite work was accomplished.

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is good and most of the congregation has a desire for the deep things of God and have a good spiritual appetite for the bountiful things that He spreads before them at all our meetings.

The attendance is good Firstday morning average 56 evening 38 Fourthday evening 30 and the Bible classes Thursday evening 31

The character of the ministry is in harmony with the word of God and thereby is well adapted to the needs of the people.

The Bible classes are very interesting and we do praise God for the way His word is opened up to us. Our young people are interested in all our meetings and are a great helps with prayer and testimony. Testifying to the saving and keeping power of God

There is no new evidence of spiritual gifts. Great care is extended for the development of such gifts whenever it is manifested

Our meeting is very much interested in supporting workers on the Mission Field and feel God is richly blessing every effort in pointing lost souls to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world". "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission".

Providence.

The average attendance during the last quarter has been as follows.

Providence Morning Meeting	25
Midweek "	8
Bible School	8
Saylesville Morning Meeting	39
Bible School	52

Quite a number of First day evening meeting have been held at Saylesville with good attendance and much interest At one of these Charles and Mae Replogle were present and a lively interest was shown in their ministry. At another time a lantern talk on the Holy Land was given at which a large number of the number of the children were present.

Information comes from Swansea Monthly Meeting that it is united in proposing the names of Laura B. Aydelott, Adelaide F. Chase and Susannah Holt to serve as elders for three years. This meeting approves of their appointment.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs this meeting that it is united in proposing the names of Willis H. White, Sarah S. Field and Mary

A. Gifford as elders. This meeting approves of the decision of that meeting and gives it sanction for their appointment

The Queries were read.

Charles Replogle expressed a concern that our love and sympathy be extended to those that need it.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet in East Greenwich Fifth month 7, 1927 if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

5-7-1927.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight convened at East Greenwich Fifth Month 7, 1927.

Reports from the Local meetings show that the representatives are from.

Rhode Island
Adda M. Trout, Annie C. Sherman, Mary W. Macomber.

Swansea
G. Fred Davis, Frances A. Estes.

Providence
Willis H. White, Seth K. Gifford, Edith T. Battey, Sarah S. Field, Albert R. Macomber, Thomas Y. Jackson, Archibald G. Renfrew.

All of the representatives were present except two.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports from Local meetings were read

Newport
God has graciously visited Newport Meeting A real revival has started in many of our

members hearts
Attendance
First Day morning 59.8 Evening 65.5
Fourth Day Evening 40.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the people.

The services at the almshouse continues Twice during the quarter young people have come from Portsmouth meeting. The inmates enjoyed these services. At Easter Andrew B. Starbuck brought an object lesson to make the crucifixion and resurrection more vivid. Those that attended that day heard the "Old Story" some seemed especially interested.

Our Young People's Bible Class continues. In the absence of Ruth L. Thurston, it is led by Ralph Earle Jr.

Preston Kennedy of New York was with us for twelve days. The messages were heart searching. Many were revived others reclaimed and sanctified.

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of our congregation is improving all the time.

The attendance of meetings for public worship is steadily increasing. Our average for this quarter is
Sunday Morning 56. Sunday Evening 41
Wednesday Evening 29 Thursday Evening
Bible classes 30

The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting. Our ministers are spirit-filled and preach the full unadulterated Gospel

Not new evidence of spiritual gifts. But care is being extended toward the exercise and development of such gifts as has been shown

Providence

The average attendance for the last three months has been as follows

Providence	Morning Meeting	30
"	Bible School	8
"	Midweek Meeting	8
Saylesville	Morning Mtg.	36
"	Bible School	53
	Firstday Evening Meeting about	50

The increasing attendance and interest at Saylesville seems quite encouraging

At one of the evening meetings our friend, Ellen A. Winslow, lately returned from Palestine gave an instructive account of the Ramallah mission work in which she had been assisting during the past year. Over thirty lantern slides were shown of the mission buildings and groups of students with their instructors as well as many other places associated with the work on general Bible History

The house was well filled and a good degree of interest manifested.

The Queries were read

Information is received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting asking our approval of the appointment of Nellie P. Thurston to the station of elder for three years which request was united with ~~by~~ this meeting

The representatives appointed to attend New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Providence Sixth Month 24, 1927 are Thomas J. Battey, Thomas Y. Jackson France A. Estes, Edith T. Battey, E. Annah Tucker, Willis H. White

Having concluded the business, we adjourn to meet at Newport Eighth Month 6, 1927 if the Lord so wills.

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

8-6-1927.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month 6, 1927.

Information received from local meetings show that the representatives are from

Rhode Island
Phoebe A. Cory, Nellie P. Thurston
Elizabeth J. Trout.
Providence.
Albert R. Macomber, Thomas Y. Jackson
Willis H. White, Emily S. White, Edith T. Battey
and Thomas J. Battey.
Swansea
Caroline W. DeBlois, & Fred Davis.

All were present except three.

The minutes of last Quarter were read and stand approved.

The Reports received are

Newport

Some of our members show evidences of growth in the spiritual life. This is also true of some of our regular attenders

Average attendance
Sunday morning 47. Evening 37
Mid-week prayer meeting 30
Sunday School 62

The ministry is sound and well adapted to the needs of the hearers. Messages given relating to the practical side of christian living. One lately given was on Christian Giving. Direct Gospel sermons to the unsaved are not missing.

There has been work among the young people during the Quarter in the nature of a Bible Study Class. The alms house has been visited and Gospel messages presented Hospital visiting continues.

Portsmouth

God is working in our midst and we feel like praising Him that He is mindful of us. The spiritual life is being enlarged in all those who let God have His way.

Attendance

Sunday morning 53. Evening 45

Wednesday evening 33.

The ministry is unusually well adapted to the needs of the congregation

No new evidence of spiritual gifts

Some of our young people have been speaking at the home for the aged women in Newport and at the Almshouse

Providence

The attendance of our meetings during the last three months has been from

Providence Morning Meeting approximately	20
Midweek meeting	13
Bible School	8
Saylesville Morning Meeting	47.5
Bible School	63.

A First Day evening meeting with good attendance has been held for a part of the time but is now adjourned till Autumn.

A Vacation Bible School under the charge of Elizabeth Munroe with a good attendance is still in session at this writing.

The Queries were read.

All our representatives to the late Yearly Meeting attended.

Charles Estes, Willis H. White, E. Annah Tucker and Frances A. Estes are appointed a Nominating committee to present to our Quarterly Meeting in Fall River names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk in 1928.

The business of the meeting having been finished we adjourn purposing to meet at Fall River ~~in~~ Eleventh 5, 1927 if the Lord so wills.

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

11-5-1927

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment at Fall River Eleventh Month 5, 1927

Reports from the several meetings show that the representatives are from

Rhode Island
Annie C. Sherman, Henry H. Mosher, Adda M. Trout.

Swansea
G. Fred Davis

Providence
Sarah S. Frield, Valentine L. Meader, Edith T. Battey, Willis H. White.

The representatives are all present except one.

The minutes of last quarter were read stand approved.

Reports received from meetings are as follows

Portsmouth

There are those in our meeting who are obeying the Lord and growing in grace day by day.

Attendance
First Day Morning 49 Evening 40

Fourth Day evening 35

The character of the ministry is excellent and in harmony with the word of God and is adapted to the needs of the meeting. The command of Paul to Timothy was to Preach the word be instant in season out of season reprove rebuke exhort with all long suffering and doctrine also to Titus. Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.

Newport

We note an improvement in the spiritual condition and life of some of our congregation a quickening in divine things

Andrew B. Starbuck believing his work completed among us has gone to another field. Our friend with his wife have given valuable service to our meeting and also to the monthly meeting. Henry H. Mosher came to us in Ninth Month having received a clear call from God to this place. We give humble thanks to God for thus remembering us in our need. We report that he is proving himself true to the old Gospel message! Jesus Christ shed blood the only remedy for our sins and the removal of carnality from the heart.

Attendance

First Day Morning 56.8 Evening 35
Fourth Day Evening 37. Bible School 50.5

The meetings at the almshouse continue The hospital is visited. Services at the jail have been resumed. Cottage prayer meetings are held as occasion offers. The Young Peoples Bible class has commenced the book of Exodus One of our members Ruth L. Thurston has gone to India to work at Nowgong under Ohio Yearly Meeting Mission Board. Before leaving she was a great help and blessing to our meeting. Especially working among the young people. Her Christian influence extended to the Monthly Meeting.

The Queries were listened to.

The nominating committee appointed last quarter presented the names of Annie C. Sherman for clerk and E. Annah Tucker assistant clerk. This report met the approval of the meeting and they are therefore appointed to serve for the coming year.

Adjourned to meet in Providence the first Seventh Day in Second Month if the Lord permits

Annie C. Sherman,
Clerk.

2-4-1928

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment in Providence Second Month 4, 1928.

Reports from the several meetings show that the representatives are from —

Rhode Island. Henry H. Mosher, Elizabeth J. Trout
Swansea
William C. Hartnett Caroline W. De Blois
Providence
Albert R. Macomber, Willis H. White, Emily S. White, Sarah S. Field, Valentine E. Meader, Christina Munroe

The representatives were all present except four.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

Newport reports —

Those of our members who are going on with the Lord are advancing in the spiritual life.

We are blessed in having a ministry that stands by the written word and is excellent in character and is proving itself adapted to meet the needs of the meeting

Our services are slowly increasing in number. Special mention is made of the Men's Bible Class taught by the pastor, which is increasing in interest and attendanse.

Attendance First-Day Morning 56.6 evening 43. Wednesday evening about 35. Bible School 62.

The Young People's Bible Class had a short recess during the holidays but now meets weekly on Friday evening. The jail is visited and regular services continue at the almshouse. The hospital is visited by members of our meeting.

Providence.

The average attendanse during the last three months has been as follows:

Providence	Morning meeting	36
"	Midweek evening meeting	11
"	Bible school	10.6
Saylesville	Morning Meeting	
"	Bible School	

1st day evening meeting. Not many of these have been held but efforts are being made to promote their continuence.

Saylesville Bible School presented an interesting and profitable program of exercises at Christmas

Nearly onehundred were present about half of whom were members of the Bible School

The children were first assembled in the class rooms up stairs that have been so neatly and conveniently arranged out of the old gallery.

Although excitement and expectation ran high and the prattle of little tongues was quite in evidence one could not but be struct with the excellent restraint and good behavior, both then and all through the succeeding exercises. These were under the charge of the teacher in the Vacation Bible School. Every thing was so well arranged that when the organ struck up a march they filed in and filled up seat after seat the youngest first until all were seated. - Then followed a little season of prayer after which song, Scripture selections and recetations followed as called off by the leader until the greater part of the children had nicely completed their shorter or longer parts on the platform. These over the destribution of gifts around the beautifully light evergreen followed in the same quiet methodical order as before discribed. All seemed happy and disposed to be and do their best. A light lunch was served and the company slowly dispersed. It was good to be there and visualize how much time and patient effort had been willingly given to bring it all about.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs the meeting that it is united in recommending the name of Minnie O. Mosher to fill the station of elder for three years. This action of that meeting is approved by the meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting is united in presenting to the meeting the names of

Marianna N. Chase, Mary A. Gage, and A. Homer Skinner to serve as elders for three years The request was granted by the meeting.

Providence Monthly Meeting presented the names of Seth H. Gifford, Valentine E. Meader and Edith T. Batty to serve as elders for three years. This was approved by the meeting

The Queries were read.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet at East Greenwich Fifth month 5, 1928 if the Lord so directs

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

5-5-1928

Rhode Island - Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment in East Greenwich Fifth Month 5th 1928.

Reports from our meetings show that the representatives are

Rhode Island -
Henry H. Mosher -, Idda M. Trout.
Swansea
William C. Hartnett -, Laura B. Aydelott
G. Fred Davis
Providence
Valentine E. Meader, Willis H. White, Archibald G. Renfrew, Mary A. Gifford
Albert R. Macomber, Sarah D. Field

All the representatives were present except one

The record of last quarter was read and stands approved.

Reports from local meeting were

read and are as follows.

Newport

There is a noticable improvement in the spiritual life of many of our members.

Attendance

First-Day Morning 58 Evening 49
Fourth Day Evening about 35.

The message of salvation full and free is preached with out fear or favor. A complete Saviour is held up for all who will accept Him also the results which follow by not yielding to Him. The importance of visiting in the home is not overlooked and this part of the ministry of our pastor is being blest of God.

Services continue at the almshouse The jail and hospital are visited with messages of a sufficient Saviour for the needy ones. There is a Bible Study class for our young People an interest has been created among our young people to have a meeting especially for themselves. The meeting heartily co-opperated with this project and a Young Peoples Society has been formed.

For some months much prayer has been offered requesting the dear Lord for an old time revival also to give an evangelist suitable for the place which prayers were answered We were favored with a spiritual awakening that will tell for time and eternity as several souls were saved others reclaimed and sanctified.

George R. Aitkins of Cleveland, Ohio did splendid preaching being used of the Lord in a blessed way in our midst proving himself to be a real soulwinner.

Portsmouth

We rejoice to say God is still blessing us. Our seasons of song, prayer, preaching and testimony are cause for thankfulness because of the way the Holy Ghost is poured upon us. Those who are walking in the light are finding that Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. We cannot say that all our members are where we believe God would have them but His blessing is upon us.

Attendance

First Day Morning 47 Evening 34

There are no new gifts evident.

No new work has been entered upon but our Bible Classes on Friday evening which have been held each week this past winter were well attended and blessing and help have been received and the Lord sealed His own Word to the good of the people.

The Word is still being preached in all of its fullness and through the power of the Holy Ghost and souls are being blest. A few have been to the altar to be saved.

Providence

The average attendance since last report has been for the.

Providence Morning Meeting 20

The Bible School	8.4
The Evening midweek Meeting	9.4
Saylesville Morning Meeting	29
Bible School	48.5

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Edward C. Faulkner to the station of elder for three year.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting is united in recommending the following Friends to serve as elders for three years, Ellen Lockwood, Anna Merrill Eva Mattley.

The above decisions were united with by this meeting.

The "Queries" were read.

We appoint Willis H. White, G. Fred Davis, E. Annah Tucker, Henry H. Mosher, Thomas J. Battey, Valentine E. Meader and William C. Hartnett as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Maine Sixth Month 22, 1928.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet at Newport in Eighth Month if the Lord so wills

Annie C. Sherman,
Clerk.

8-4-1928.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight convened according to adjournment at Newport Eighth Month 4, 1928.

Reports from our several meetings show that the representatives to this meeting are

from Rhode Island

Alice R. Jackson, Mary W. Macomber
Minnie O. Mosher, Adda M. Trout.

Swansea

William C. Hartnett, G. Fred Davis.

Providence.

Thomas Y. Jackson, Archibald G. Renfrew, Edith T. Battey, Emily G. White
Sarah S. Field

Six of the representatives were absent. A reasonable excuse was given for one of these not being present. The minutes of last quarter were read and approved.

Reports from local meetings are as follows

Portsmouth

The spiritual life and condition of the congregation is good.

Attendance of meeting for public worship is

First Day morning service	50
Evening about	40

We have two home missionaries in Kentucky

The character of the ministry is excellent

Newport.

The ministry at Newport is true to the "Written Word" and well suited to the needs of the congregation. We are glad to report that at some of our services people have found their way to the altar. We trust that these have been definitely helped. We are encouraged by the attendance at our midweek meeting. A few whose own prayer meeting has been discontinued during summer have availed themselves of ours.

Our young people have their own special service early on Sunday evening but this has not lessened their presence and interest in the regular service.

Three times a year our pastor has the privilege of giving a Gospel message at the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. These services are held early on Sunday evening. After it a few of the men come to our meeting. At the last one held on July 15th four boys came forward to the altar and prayed. These professed salvation. We count these services a great opportunity for the Master.

Our meeting has received much blessing and profit from attending Smith Mills Camp Meeting. Doubtless some of you will recall that this camp was founded by John S. Kimber, and the Lord's hand is upon it for good for it is proving to be a source of spiritual help to many. This year was not fruitless. Many were saved and sanctified

Attendance
Sunday morning 59 Evening 56.7.
Prayer meeting about
Bible School 61.

Providence.

The following is the record of attendance for the last three months

Providence Morning Meeting Average 17
Providence Midweek meeting and Bible School

have been small because of the absence from town during the summer of so many Friends.

We do feel however that there is a Seed of Life and healthy interest among us and earnest prayers go up that there may be an increase in the Divine Life, and a growing sense of our responsibility as a religious body.

Saylesville Morning meeting (average) 30
" Bible School 44

We regret that way does not seem to open this year for a Vacation Bible School at Saylesville. It might perhaps have been brought about had attention been given to it earlier and plans laid accordingly

All of the representatives appointed to attend the late Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Vassalboro Maine Sixth Month 22, 1928 were present except two.

The Queries were read.

The nominating committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Clerks and Assistant Clerk consist of the following members.

G. Fred Davis, Nellie P. Thurston
Edith T. Battey

The business having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet at Fall River in Eleventh Month if the Lord so permit.

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met according to adjournment in Fall River Eleventh Month 3rd 1928.

Reports from our several meetings show that the representatives are from

Rhode Island
Mary W. Macomber, Nellie P. Thurston
Henry H. Mosher Elizabeth J. Trout
Swansea
William C. Hartnett, Marianna R. Chase Emma S. Hathaway
Providence
Thomas Y. Jackson, Thomas J. Battey Albert R. Macomber
Willis H. White, Archibald G. Renfrew,
Mary A. Gifford

All the representatives were present except two.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

Information received from the local meetings are as follows.

Newport There is an increased interest upon our members for the Lord to manifest His presedce in our midst both in reviving His children and convicting the unsaved of their need of repentance and salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus

The need of the above is presented in plain direct messages by our pastor

We believe we see evidences of a deepening along spiritual lines in some of those who hear these truths

The work among the young people

is kept up. Some of our young people have visited Saylesville. The Almshouse services continue also hospital visiting.

Good reports come to us of how God is keeping and using Ruth Thurston over in Nowgong India. Although comparatively a young missionary she has been given an important place to fill in that needy station. God is marvelously enabling her to acquire the language. We rejoice that one of our numbers is thus being used of the Lord.

Portsmouth The Spirit of the Lord is manifestly working in our midst

The attendance is good. The character of the ministry continues excellent—

No new gifts manifested at this time.

Saylesville has been visited. Our young people united with the young people of Newport meeting on the evening of Tenth Month 28, 1928. It proved a helpful service.

Fall River has secured Fred E. Smith a recorded minister of Indiana Yearly Meeting as full time pastor and his services began early in Tenth Month

Providence Our attendanse for the last three months has been as follows

Providence Morning Meeting		15
Mid-week meeting	about	7
Bible School	about	7
Saylesville Morning Meeting		29
Evening Meeting for three months		35

Bible School 35½

The Queries were read.

The nominating committee presented the names of E. Anna Tucker as clerk and Sarah S. Field as assistant clerk for the coming year. This report was united with and they are appointed to their respective offices.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informed this meeting that it is united in proposing the name of Isaac B. Macomber to serve as elder for three years. This met the approval of the meeting.

The business coming before the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet at Providence the first Seventh day in Second month if the Lord so permits.

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence Second Month 2, 1929.

The representatives to attend this Meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island,

Henry H. Mosher, Adda M. Trout.

Providence,

Albert R. Macomber, Archibald G. Renfrew, Willis H. White and Emily S. White.

All representatives were in attendance with one exception.

The records of the last Meeting were read and stand approved.

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs this Meeting that it is united in proposing the following named Friends to serve as Elders for three years. namely Caroline de Blois Emma S. Hathaway and Sarah E. Chace.

Providence Monthly Meeting proposes the following named Friends to serve as Elders for three years namely: Emily S. White Albert R. Macomber, Catherine Monroe, and William Alden Brown. All of the foregoing names were approved by this Meeting

Regarding its activities and attendance Newport Meeting reports a deep desire to walk carefully before Him earnestly praying for a Holy Ghost revival. messages of a nature that would intensify this concern are given by our pastor. The attendance at the men's Bible class is not decreasing. This class is taught by our pastor. Much interest is evidenced in the lessons, the class meets once a month for an evening gathering. There are free discussions on such subjects as "How God calls to Special Work" and "The Importance of Daily Occupation" - that it should be under God's direction.

The Bible School at its Christmas exercises didnt forget the "White Gifts." 103, dollars were given to missions

Recitations and songs were given at the Almshouse the following evening also boxes of candy were given the inmates.

A helpful study of the book of Daniel is held on Friday evening.

Avarage attendance on Sunday morning 54.7 - Evening 37.8.

Portsmouth,

God is deepening some of our members who are walking with Him. There is need of improvement in others.

Attendance First Day Morning 50
Evening 40
Midweek 38

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation. We feel it to be a great privilege to worship in a meeting where a full gospel is preached. No evidence of spiritual gifts since last report. Great care is taken to encourage such. Good interest is manifested in our Young peoples meeting and Bible class.

We are favored with the presence of James A. Cony Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of New England Yearly Meeting. The following are a few quotations from his impressive message.

There is a possibility of drifting on the part of our young people. x The failure may be due to home neglect of prayer with them also of consistent living x Failure on the part of adults to press them to make a definite decision. We do not press the necessity. x Young people not willing to sacrifice. x There is a possibility of drift-if a special care is not over them. x We must go out of our way to follow them. x There is need in our meetings for their urgent response. x They will not understand our solicitude if it is not definitly and repeatedly emphasized. x This call comes to every one of us. x Let us Shepherdize in our passion for souls. Some have indeed answered this call.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet in East Greenwich the first-seventh day in Fifth Month if the Lord so directs.

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in East Greenwich Fifth Month Fourth 1929.

The representatives from our local meetings are, from
Rhode Island,
Elizabeth J. Trout, Henry H. Mosher.
Swansea,
William C. Hartnett, Laura P. Aydelott, G. Fred Davis.
Providence,
Thomas J. Batter, Archibald G. Renfrew, Emily S. White, Willis H. White, Mary A. Gifford, Albert R. Macomber.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the spiritual life and activities of our meetings are as follows:
At Newport there is an increase of spiritual life in those of our congregation who are willing to walk in obedience to God. The ministry is sound, messages are adapted to encourage the believers and speak words of warning to the unsaved. The young peoples work continues. A missionary meeting has been started especially for boys and girls of grammar school grades. A new interest has been aroused in our children's missionary meeting. The attendance is larger and the boys and girls are coming more regularly.

The Bible class held on Friday evenings was suspended during special evangelistic services is being held again. It is still studying the book of Daniel. Sickness, infirmities and other reasons have caused the Almshouse services to be smaller than formerly. A few faithful ones are present. We trust the seed sown will bear fruit. We enjoyed a profitable revival meeting from March 26. to April 4. Raymond Dobie of Greensboro North Carolina served faithful in the capacity of Evangelist. Much good was accomplished.

attendance First day morning 55
Evening 40

Portsmouth,

We believe there are souls in our meeting who are taking advanced steps in the spirtual life.

Attendance First day morning 47
Evening 39
Fourth day evening 35

The ministry of the meeting is increasingly adapted to the needs of the congregation. Our prayer meetings have been unusually good of late. Bible classes have been held on Friday evenings all winter. Sickness and deaths have somewhat reduced the attendance.

At Providence the Bible school and mid-week meeting report attendance of about 7.

Saylesville meeting was favored with a visit from James A. Coney chairman of the evangelistic committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

Bible School total enrollment	55
Morning meeting for worship	20
avarage attendance	35
Classes	7
Cradle Roll	6
Beginners	15
Juniors	9
Seniors	5
Adults	7
Teachers	7
Friends	21

We appoint as representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight Thomas J. Battey, Willis H. White, E. Annah Tucker, Laura P. Aydelott, Henry H. Mosher, +Adda M. Trout, Charles Estes.

James A. Coney's words were based on the declaration of Christ who said "I am the resurrection and the life". This message was acceptable and uplifting.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet next in Newport Eighth month Third if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month 3, 1929.

Representatives appointed by Local meetings on Ministry and Oversight are as follows,

From Rhode Island,
Alice R. Jackson, Adda M. Trout, Mary W. Macomber, Minnie O. Mosher.

Swansea,
G. Fred Davis, William E. Hartnett and Caroline H. deBlois.

Providence,
Emily S. White, Thomas Y. Jackson Willis H. White.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stand approved.

The Queries were read at this time.

Reports received from Newport indicate a desire to advance in the things of God by life and testimony. The character of the ministry is sound holding up the standard that in Jesus only there is redemption through His blood.

Attendance First day morning 38.5
" Evening 42
Fourth day " about 35

Hospital visiting and Almshouse services continue.

The Young People's meetings convene before the regular meeting on First Day evening. They had charge of one of the Young Peoples meetings at Smith's

Mills Camp.
Some of our young people who have been away attending Colleges are with us this summer which is a blessing and help to our meeting

At Portsmouth
The Lord is richly blessing our people and there is evidence that many are increasing in spirituality

Attendance First day morning 49
First day evening 38
Fourth " " about 38

The ministry meets the needs of the people in an unusual way.
Our Young People's meeting is continuing with profit to all.
At the Smith Mills Camp Meeting they had charge of one of the Young People's Services with great blessing.
The Missionary Society has been making garments and comforters for the missionaries in South America and two large boxes were sent with Mattie Blount and Mary Barnard in June. Our Sabbath school is filling a large place in the life of the congregation. We praise God for His continued presence with us. With Paul we can say there are many adversaries but this only gives us an opportunity to prove our Lord's power to help.

At Providence morning meeting the record of attendance is as follows:-

Morning Meeting 22
Bible Class 6

Saylesville Morning Meeting 25
Bible School 35

Willis H. White, Annie C. Sherman and William E. Hartnett were appointed a committee to present names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for the coming year.

Adjourned to meet next in Fall River, Eleventh Month 2, 1929 if the Lord permit,

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met in Fall River Eleventh Month 2, 1929.

The representatives from our local meetings are, from

Rhode Island.
Henry H. Mosher, Annie C. Sherman
Fredrick W. Holman, Adda M. Trout,

Providence,
Willis H. White, Thomas J. Batty,
Thomas Y. Jackson, Emily S. White.

Reports of the spiritual state of our Meetings are as follows:

Newport,

The Lord is blessing our gatherings. The character of the messages given are adapted to meet the needs of the people. The word of God is held up as a standard for Christian living. The errors of the day that are creeping into the church are disclosed.

Attendance First day morning 62
" Evening 42

Our young people's meeting continues with added interest. They very acceptably had charge of a First day evening Meeting also a group of them had a service at the Almshouse.

Last First day morning our Meeting and Bible school had the privilege of listening to Clara Ford who is on her way to Africa to do pioneer mission work. It was a God-given opportunity for us.

Portsmouth.

The Lord is blessing us in our Meetings. He has been manifesting His power in the lives of many of our numbers. There is an evident desire among some to advance in spiritual things.

Attendance First day morning
" " evening
Fourth day evening

The character of the ministry is meeting the needs of the people.

The Lord is blessing His word to our hearts.

A number of our young people have gone to different schools and it leaves our Young Peoples Meetings smaller yet a good spirit prevails and the meetings are very encouraging.

We were glad to have Clara Ford with us at a special meeting on Monday evening Oct. 28. She

She told us of the marvelous way the Lord has led her to do pioneer work in Africa

Providence.

Our record of average attendance for the past three months is as follows:- First day morning meeting at Providence 24, Midweek about 8 Bible school about 8, Saylesville Morning 40, Bible school 40,

A very encouraging response was made to notices sent out by Providence Meeting for Rally Day on 10" mo, 20. About 100 were present including Alexander C. Purdy and his family who have recently transferred their membership to Providence Monthly Meeting. His sermon that day on the lesson taught from the Burning Bush was one long to be remembered.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of the following named Friends to serve as elders for three years in our Meeting, Frederick H. Holman, Mary W. Macomber, Alice Jackson, Addie P. Thurston,

Providence Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of the following named Friends to serve as elders for three years;- Willis H. White, Mary A. Gifford Sarah S. Field, A. Louise Davis, Elizabeth Monroe,

The above decisions were united with by this Meeting.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to serve this Meeting as clerk and assistant clerk for one year presented the names of E. Annah Tucker and William C. Hartnett. This report was united with and they are appointed to their respective offices.

The business coming before the Meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet in Providence Second Month 1" 1930.

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight met in Providence Second Month First 1930.

The representatives from our Local Meetings are as follows:-
From Rhode Island,
Adda M. Trout, Henry H. Mosher,
Annie C. Sherman, Elizabeth J. Trout.
Swansea,
William C. Hartnett, G. Fred Davis.
Providence,
Emily S. White, Thomas J. Battey
Archibald G. Renfrew, A. Louise Davis,
John C. Culbert, Thomas Y. Jackson,
All the representatives were present except one.

The Queries were carefully considered at this time.

The reports from our Local Meetings are as follows:

At Portsmouth There are those who are seeking God's help for a close devotion to His work and to His life.

Attendance First Day morning 43
" " Evening 38
Fourth Day evening 36

The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting.

We are conducting Bible classes on Fourth day evenings. The memory class precedes the evening prayer service and the adult class follows this meeting. Good interest is manifest in these services.

Newport reports an increased desire in many of our members to go with the Lord and take new ground.

Attendance First Day morning 46
Evening 32.9
Fourth Day "

The character of the ministry is constructive. It builds up the believers in the faith and also contains messages of warning to the unsaved with invitations to accept Christ as a personal Savior. The Bible school is claiming the prayerful attention of members.

Services continue at the almshouse. Young peoples meeting is held before the regular meeting. Our young people have united one evening with Portsmouth young people in having a special speaker.

Mission classes for Teen age boys and girls and primary children meet monthly.

Providence Meeting has been encourage by the application for membership from seven attenders of the Saylesville Meeting. All have been received into active fellowship in the Monthly Meeting. Two of the members have requested that their three minor children be received as Associate members. One other a young woman has applied for membership and has been accepted in Providence Meeting.

Attendance Providence	Morning Meeting	20
	Midweek	10
	Bible School	10
Saylesville	Morning Meeting	39
	Bible School	40

Swansea meeting nominates Adeline F. Chace, Laura P. Aydelott Alice T. Hartnett to serve as Elders for three years. Also the name of William H. Burton is presented to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mary A. Gage his term being for one year. The action of that Meeting is approved by this Meeting.

The business of the Meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet next in East Greenwich Fifth Month Third 1930.

E. Annah Tucker, Clerk.

R. I. Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence May 3, 1930.

Reports from our Local Meetings show that representatives to this Meeting are from

Rhode Island,
Frederick W. Holman, Henry H. Mosher;
Providence
Willis H. White, John Culbert, Elizabeth Munroe, Thomas Y. Jackson, Mary A. Gifford, Emily S. White.

All representatives present except one.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Queries were read and considered.

Reports from our Local Meetings are as follows:

Newport believes that many of its members have grown spiritually since last report.

Attendance not given.

Gospel messages are freighted with gospel truths helpful both to the believer and the unconverted. Scriptural memory work is being done in the Bible school by members of all ages. We believe this to be an important feature of our school.

Meetings at the Alms House are small. Several of the attenders have died during the year. Those who attend seem interested to have the services continue. Generally the

Portsmouth and Newport meeting have each a service monthly.

The Young Peoples Meeting has increased in interest.

Paul B. Lindley a pastor and evangelist of Norwalk Ohio, a member of Berlinville monthly Meeting Cleaveland Quarterly Meeting and Ohio Yearly Meeting conducted a fifteen day evangelistic campaign at Newport Friends Meeting ending April 13, with good results. Some were saved others reclaimed. It is also true that some heads of families were gloriously sanctified. Brother gave forth the truth in a very clear and forceful way to the edifying of his hearers. Many non-members attended this revival and enjoyed the fellowship with us.

Portsmouth.

God is manifesting Himself in our meetings. Some of our members show by their daily walk that they have said an eternal yes to God.

Attendance First Day morning 41
" " " Evening 31

The character of the ministry is in harmony with the will of God and is well adapted to the need of the meeting.

The leader of our Young people died a very triumphant death on March 8, We feared that the young people might lose interest but they seem to feel the responsibility upon them now as never before, So our meetings continue to be interesting and spiritual.

Our Bible classes continue one for children memorizing Scripture and a class in the Book of Hebrews for the older ones

Preach the Word, be instant in season out of season

Providence Meeting First Day

Attendance	28
Midweek	12.7
Bible School	8.1
Saylesville Morning	40.5
Bible School	43.

Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight next to be held in Vassalboro Maine are Thomas J. Battey, Edith T. Battey and William C. Hartnett.

A summary of reports from our Local Meetings was ~~sea~~ submitted to the meeting by the clerk. This was approved by the Meeting

The business of the Meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet in Newport in Eighth Month Second 1930 if the Lord, so permits

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Newport Eighth Month 2" 1930.

Reports from our several meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are. From Rhode Island:
Edward B. Ayler, Alice R. Jackson, Edward C. Faulkner. Henry H. Mosher,
Swansea:
Caroline N. De Blois, Alice T. Hartnett, William C. Hartnett.
Providence:
Thomas Y. Jackson, John C. Culbert Willis H. White, Emily S. White.

All the representatives were present,

The report of the last meeting was read and stands approved.

Reports from our Local meetings are as follows:

Portsmouth.

As to the spiritual life of our congregations we can truly say liberty exists and an excellent spirit is manifested.

Attendance First day morning 44
" " evening 37

We thank God for the messages from our Spirit filled servants. The influence locates sinners and encourages believers. We have prayed for the Portuguese in this place. With the help of Mr. Domingues of Quset we went from house to house with Bibles, portions of Scripture and Tracts. The people were very attentive and interested.

We sold Bibles where they could afford to pay for them, to others we gave them away. When the priest found it out he ordered all the Bibles burned and then the doors were closed to us. We still believe God will reach the honest hearts.

Newport:

Our meeting seems to be increasing in spiritual life. Signs of God working among the attenders are manifest. The ministry is sound, based upon the Word of God and adapted to present-day needs.

Avarage attendance on
First day morning
about 65
" " Evening " 45

We are glad of the return of some who have been away at school. They are proving a help to our meeting.

Some of our members have availed themselves of the privilege of attending during the summer various Camp meetings.

At Providence

The avarage attendance during the past quarter is as follows:

Providence Morning Meeting	17.5
Warwick	11.6
Bible school	8.3
Saylesville morning meeting	45
" Bible school	55

at the time of holding the Monthly Meeting in the 6th Month a large delegation from the Saylesville Bible School was present and under the direction of their superintendent gave an interesting exercise in song and recitations of Scripture. The interest and accuracy in memorizing and rendering these selections was very encouraging.

We have at this time to record the decease on 5 mo 8" 1930 of Valentine E. Meader a valued Elder and Overseer of long standing in Providence Monthly Meeting. He was born 7 mo 8" 1842. He had nearly completed his 88" year.

A committee consisting of

was appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant clerk for the coming year.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet next in Fall River Eleventh Month 1" 1930 if the Lord will.

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River Mass. Eleventh Month 1st 1930.

Reports from our several meetings show that Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from:

Rhode Island

Edward C. Faulkner
Minnie O. Mosher
Annie M. Sherman
Fredrick W. Holman

Swansea

Emma K. Buffinton
Caroline Du Bois
Emma S. Hathaway

Providence

Willis H. White Emily S. White
Albert R. Macomber Thomas J. Battey
Thomas Y. Jackson.

Their names being called

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries were read.

Reports from our local meetings are as follows:

Rhode Island

There is a desire expressed by members to advance in spiritual things also evidences are shown that this is being realized by some.

The ministry of the Word is given forth in such a manner as to encourage the heart and warn those that are not walking with the Lord. Several times during the quarter messages have been given by young men. This has been an encouragement. There is more of an evangelistic spirit in our evening services on First-day. For several weeks cottage prayer meetings have been held in various localities. These have been quite well attended.

Services are held at the Almshouse and visits are made to the hospital.

The young peoples meeting that is held on First-day evening has increased in attendance and also more interest exhibited.

Attendance Average.

First-day Morning	60.7
" Evening	63
Fourth-day Evening	36.8

Providence.

The Queries have been read in our meetings. The average attendance has been for the last quarter as follows

Morning Meeting	About 20
Mid-week "	9.5
Bible School	9
Saylesville	
Morning Meeting	41
Bible School	38
" " Enrollment	62

A Summer Vacation Bible School was held during two weeks in Eighth Month conducted by Marie Cassell of the Five Years Meeting Board and Elizabeth Munroe. Several Volunteers also contributed assistance.

A report of this was made to the Monthly Meeting in Ninth Month and was accompanied by an exhibition of the childrens handiwork and recitations of Scripture passages learned, as well as by other exercises of a large delegation of the pupils who had attended.

The Queries were read.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet at the time and place to be determined this afternoon by the Quarterly Meeting if the Lord permit.

Feb. 7, 1931

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence, R. I., Second month, 7th, 1931.

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from:

Rhode Island
Annie E. Sherman
Henry H. Mosher
Adda M. Trout
Frederick W. Holman
Swansea
William E. Hartnett
Alice T. Hartnett
J. Fred Davis
Providence
Archibald G. Renfrew
Albert R. Macomber
Edith T. Battey
Willis H. White
Emily S. White

All representatives present except two.

The reports of the spiritual life of our local meeting are as follows:

Newport

Feb. 7, 1931 There has been a growing desire vocally expressed among many of our members that a spiritual awaking come to our meeting - that God would visit us with a heaven sent revival. This desire has been fanned by special prayer meetings the first week in this year, also by weekly prayer meeting in the homes. Our weekly prayer meeting is usually well attended.

The ministry is filling its place. Visiting in the homes and hospital is done by the pastor and lay members. The services at the almshouse continue, although a small number avail themselves of being present, yet those who attend seem glad to have these meetings.

On the evening of twelfth month, 30th, a group from our Bible School repeated one of the Christmas exercises which had been given on the previous evening at the meeting house: also a short Gospel message was given. The inmates seemed to enjoy having us there. Gifts of boxes of candy were given to each.

Our Bible School is continuing its Scripture memory work. We believe this an important feature of Sunday School work.

Our Young People's meeting is held each First Day evening before the regular service, and to the latter, many of them stay.

Attendance averages.

First Day morning 60.7 Evening 46

Fourth Day evening 41

Portsmouth.

We believe that a number of our congregation are becoming more interested in the Word of God and in vital religion, and that an advance is noticeable.

Attendance

First Day morning 44 Evening 36

Our meetings for the Portuguese are reported

Feb. 7, 1931 in the annual report, and need not be reported here.

The full gospel of Christ is being preached, and the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people.

Providence

Average attendance.

Providence	Morning Meeting	24
〃	Midweek Meeting	10
〃	Bible Class	7.6
Saylesville	Morning Meeting	46.5
〃	Bible School	41.4

Rally Day were observed both at Providence and Saylesville with encouraging results. The attendance at Providence was 65, and at Saylesville, 66.

The record of the previous meeting were read and approved, with the following addition:

Report of the Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee present the following friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year: E. Annah Tucker, William C. Hartnett. The meeting approves this report, and they are appointed to their respective offices.

A minute, signed by Oregon Yearly Meeting, Newberg Quarterly Meeting, and Newberg Monthly Meeting, was received and read in this meeting, commending to our fellowship and service, Levi T. Pennington and his wife Rebecca. This meeting unites in welcoming them into service and fellowship with us.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Edward C. Faulkner and Minnie O. Mosher to serve as elders for three years.

Feb. 7, 1931. Providence Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Edith F. Battey, Helen T. Gifford, and Margaret McCready to serve as elders.

Swansea Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Mariana N. Chace, William H. Burton, A. Homer Skinner to serve as elders for three years; to fill out the unexpired term of Sara E. Chace, deceased, Nathan Chace, term expires Dec. 1931.

The above decisions were united with by this meeting.

The clerk was directed to send a letter of sympathy to E. Annah Tucker and Adeline F. Chace in their illness.

The Queries have been read at this time.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, we adjourn, purposing to meet, next fifth month, the place to be later determined, the Lord willing.

William C. Hartnett
Assistant Clerk.

May 2, 1931. At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, on Ministry and Oversight, held in Providence 5th month, 2d, 1931.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from:

Rhode Island
Henry H. Mosher
Adda M. Trout

Swansea
G. Fred Davis
William C. Hartnett
Caroline W. DeBlois

May 2, 1931

Providence
Thomas F. Jackson
Albert R. Macomber
Willis H. White
Mary A. Gifford
Margaret McCready

All representatives are present except two, one being absent because of illness.

The minutes of last quarter were read and stand approved.

The reports of the spiritual life of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport:

Many of our members seem to be growing spiritually.

Attendance

First Day	Morning	65
" "	Evening	55
Fourth "	"	48

The character of the ministry is such that the meeting is edified and spiritually helped by the messages given.

We had a fifteen day revival meeting ending third month, 29th, conducted by Calvin R. Choate, a minister of Greenleaf Monthly Meeting, Oregon Yearly Meeting. His ministry was owned of the Lord and many hearts were touched, sinners saved, backsliders reclaimed, and some sanctified. The meeting has been strengthened because of these services for which we render praise to the Lord.

Several children's meetings were held by the evangelist during this time, and good interest was manifest.

We rejoice to note that the recent evangelistic meetings were a help to several of our young people. They continue holding their meeting on First Day evening before the regular

May 2, 1931. service. Average attendance is between fifteen and twenty.

Our prayer meeting on Fourth Day evening is well attended. A cottage prayer meeting is held weekly.

At the Almshouse only a few of those residing there come to the service. Some are too infirm to climb the stairs, and while a large proportion of the inmates are Catholics, some of these come and seem to enjoy the meetings. We trust that the seed sown will not be in vain.

Portsmouth:

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is very good. The attendance at meetings for worship is good. There has been much sickness among our members since our last report, so that the attendance has decreased some.

First Day Morning	38
" " Evening	32

The character of the ministry is most excellent, and without doubt is well adapted to the spiritual need of the meeting. We feel that the Lord is well pleased with the ministry of our pastors because of His manifest presence in our midst from time to time. The strangers that come in to worship with us feel the presence of the Holy Ghost when they enter the door. There is good interest shown in the Portuguese Mission among the children, young people, and older ones. We believe the Holy Ghost is working on their hearts by the faithful preaching of the Word.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are as follows:

Willis H. White
William C. Hartnett
Mary W. Wheaton

Letters of sympathy have been sent to E. Annah Tucker and Adeline F. Chace.

The Queries have been read at this time.

May 2, 1931. No other business appearing, the meeting concludes, purposing to meet next eighth month in Newport, if the Lord will.

Henry H. Mosher
Annie C. Sherman
Clerks for the day

Aug. 1st, 1931 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held in Newport, eighth month, first, 1931.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from:

Rhode Island
    Minnie O. Mosher
    Alice R. Jackson
    Edward C. Faulkner
    Elizabeth J. Trout
Providence
    Thomas Y. Jackson
    Edith T. Battey
    Willis H. White
    Margaret MacCready   John C. Calvert
Swansea
    William C. Hartnett
    Caroline De Blois
    Laura B. Aydelott

All representatives are present except three.

The minutes of the last quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual life of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport:

We are encouraged to believe that many of our members are advancing in the things of God. The messages given are instructive and helpful to Christian living. also

Aug. 1, 1931 making plain to the unconverted that neither is there salvation in any other" for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved"

Several of our members have availed themselves of the privilege of attending some of the summer camp-meetings. At the time of reading this report, Portsmouth Camp Meeting will be in session.

Those in authority at the Almshouse thought it best to discontinue the meetings there during the summer.

The Hospital is visited.

Under the faithful leadership of John Chace Jr., the young peoples meeting is held. Although this service varies in attendance, there is usually an average of about eighteen present.

Average attendance:

First Day Morning	68
" " Evening	58
Fourth " "	49

Portsmouth.

We believe there is an earnest desire on the part of most of our people to be what the Lord would have us be. In this day of sad declension from the faith, the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the congregation.

The work among the Portuguese is continuing. There are hungry hearts among them. The Catholic Church does not satisfy, and the interest is good.

Average attendance
First Day Morning
Evening

We have at this time to record the decease on month, , 1931 of Thomas J. Battey, Aug. 1, 1931 a valued minister of long standing in Providence Monthly Meeting. This meeting expresses its appreciation of his faithful service

The Queries have been read at this time.

A committee to bring forward the names of officers for the coming year is as follows:

Edith T. Battey
Annie C. Sherman
G. Fred Davis

No other business appearing, the meeting concludes, purposing to meet the first seventh day in eleventh month at Fall River, if the Lord will.

William C. Hartnett
Assistant Clerk

Nov. 7, 1931. At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held in Fall River, Mass. eleventh month, 7th, 1931.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from:

Rhode Island
  Edward C. Faulkner
  Henry H. Mosher
Providence
  Thomas J. Jackson
  Margaret A. McCready
  Edith T. Battey
  Willis H. White
Swansea

All representatives are present

Nov. 7, 1931. The minutes of the previous quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport.

The greater part of our members, who attend the meeting, are desirous of a close companionship with the Lord, and we believe they are walking in the light as it is revealed to them

Attendance

First Day Morning 67 Evening 56
Fourth Day Evening 49

The character of the ministry is of that nature that gives to the careful listener a message of the great importance of being a child of God and living a holy life.

No new work entered.

Our services continue as previously reported The prayer meeting is well attended. Graded lessons have been introduced in the Beginners, Primary and Junior classes of our Bible School. There is a large, men's Bible Class which has monthly class meetings. Generally there is a worth while subject before these gatherings beside the business.

Cottage prayer meetings are held weekly which are generally well attended.

Young Peoples meeting is held before the First Day Evening Service. These are attended by children as well as those older. A profitable service.

Portsmouth.

We believe we can humbly say there is a growth in the spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

Attendance

First Day Morning 50 Evening 32

The ministry is well adapted to the needs of

Nov. 7, 1931 the people.

The Portuguese work continues with interest.

Willis H. White and others express a concern for the East Greenwich Meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the re-appointment of Isaac B. Macomber as elder for three years, and the appointment of Archie E. Luther and John F. Chase Jr. & Charlotte Devare elders for three years.

The above decisions were united with by this meeting.

The committee appointed to bring forward names for officers for the ensuing year report as follows.

Clerk Laura B. Aydelott
Asst. Clerk Edith F. Battey

This report was united with, and they are appointed to their respective offices.

The business coming before the meeting having been completed, we adjourn, purposing to meet in Providence, next fifth month, 7th, 1932, the Lord willing.

William C. Hartnett
Asst. Clerk

May 7 - 1932 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence, R.I. 5th. mo. 7th. 1932.

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

May 7-1932 Rhode Island
Elizabeth J. Frost
Annie C. Sherman
Grace H. Luther
Edward C. Faulkner
Providence
Harold H. Myers
Willie H. White
Thomas J. Jackson
Swansea
William H. Burton
G. Fred Davis
Laura B. Aydelott
Caroline W. Du Bois
Nine representatives were present.

The minutes of the previous quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport

We believe that most of our members have a firm desire to follow the Lord in close fellowship.

Our ministry is definitely evangelical and has in it messages to the Christian and sinner.

Aside from our regular services there is a weekly cottage prayer meeting which is well attended usually. A yearly service is held at the Home for the Aged. The young people's meeting has an increased attendance. Our pastor has been

May 7-1932 faithful in visiting friends and others who are sick in the hospital. Early in March Wade H. Patrick, an evangelist of Alliance, Ohio, came to Newport meeting according to arrangement and labored among us for a period of fifteen days. He gave us twenty-five Scriptural, heart stirring messages. The unction from on high was in evidence in his ministry and many hearts were touched. Several yielded to God and were born of the Spirit. All Christians were edified and greatly strengthened as a result of the special services. Also the unsaved manifested good interest by their attendance.

Portsmouth

There is an evidence of a growth of the spiritual life of some of our members.

The attendance First-day morning was 43 - evenings 37.

The meeting has been greatly helped and blessed by evangelistic services held during three and a half weeks of December. August N. Nillson of California was our evangelist. All in attendance were impressed with the truths of the Scriptures and it was a time of heart-searching and blessing. Many must have received new light and we pray that they may walk in newness of life. A very special feature of the meeting was the prayer services held each morn-

May 7-1932 ing in the parsonage. The attendance was good and we believe that only eternity will reveal the results of these times of waiting on God in prayer.

The character of the ministry is in harmony with Scripture and is blessed of God and is meeting the needs of the meeting.

Our Young Peoples meeting continues and we note with praise to the Lord that some of them have a special earnestness for their soul's welfare. We pray that all of them may give God first place in their lives.

In the Portuguese work we see growth on the part of some who are very happy that they have seen the true Light and they find persecution but are pressing on with God. The Catholic church has been busy with others and some seem fearful and are not as decided as we wish they might be.

Swansea

The reports on State of Society from Swansea and Fall River Preparative Meetings were read at the Local Meeting in Ministry and Oversight. They were approved and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting is united in the reappointment of Caroline H. Du Bois, Emma S. Hathaway and Nathan Chase as elders for three years.

May 7-1932 Providence Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Emily S. White, Walter J. Ladd, Catherine Munroe and William Alden Brown as elders for three years.

The above appointments are united in by this meeting.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held 6th. mo. 21st. 1932 at Ocean Park, Me are as follows:

Willis H. White
G. Fred Davis
Edith T. Battey

The Queries were read at this time.

The business coming before the meeting having been completed, we adjourn, purposing to meet in Newport 8th. mo. 6th. the Lord willing.

Laura B. Aydelott
Clerk.

Aug. 6 - 1932 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Newport, R.I. 8th. mo. 6th. 1932

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings show that Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

Rhode Island

Edward C. Faulkner
Nellie P. Thurston
Providence
John C. Culbert
Archibald G. Renfrew
Edith T. Battey
Swansea
Caroline H. DuBois
William H. Burton
G. Fred Davis

Five Representatives were present. Sickness was given as the reason for absence for one.

The minutes of the previous quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport

We believe there is a desire on the part of our members to deepen their religious experience, but at the same time we feel a sense of humility when we realize how far short of our privileges in grace we as a meeting have attained. Average attendance: First-day morning 57.6. Evening 51.7. Fourth-day evening 43.8. Bible School 65.+. The last two First-day not included in these averages as so many of the congregation were away.

Messages given are freighted with the vital truths of the Gospel. There is a crying need in our meeting for worship that our members see the importance of individual responsibility.

The cottage prayer meetings have been held regularly since last report, but have been omitted during the camp meetings.

The Young Peoples Meeting is quite well attended.

Portsmouth

We believe there is a growth in grace and a good spirit of unity among our members.

Attendance First-day morning 40; Evening 34.

We are well satisfied with the character of the ministry and we believe it meets the needs of the congregation.

Our Young Peoples work continues with a good degree of interest.

The Portugese work is very encouraging and we praise the Lord for the privilege of giving them a hope that is both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the vail.

Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in 6th mo. at Ocean Park, Me. report that all but one attended. Sickness was given as the reason for absence.

A committee to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the coming year is as follows:

Thomas Y. Jackson
Annie C. Sherman
William H. Burton

The Queries were read at this time.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet next in Fall River, 11th. mo. 5th. if the Lord will.

Laura B. Cydelotte
Clerk

Nov. 5 - 1932 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Fall River, Mass. 11th. mo. 5th. 1932.

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight show that Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from

Rhode Island
Adda M. Trout
Edward C. Faulkner
Henry H. Moslee
Archie E. Luther

Providence
Harold H. Myers
Willis H. White
Seth K. Gifford
Thomas Y. Jackson

Swansea
Emma B. Buffinton
Laura B. Aydelott
Caroline W. DuBois

Eight Representatives were present.

The minutes of the previous quarter were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Newport

We believe there is a sincerity of purpose on the part of most of our members who attend our meeting, to press forward to a higher plane of spiritual life; however, we are humbly conscious that there is much land ahead to be possessed. Average attendance: - First day morning 56.7: evening 48.7: Mid-week prayer meeting 37.6: Bible School 63.7. The Young Peoples Meeting shows increased interest and good attendance. The Cottage Prayer Meeting attendance is good.

The character of the ministry has been that of sound doctrine and evangelical truths.

Portsmouth

We believe there are those of our members who are walking in the light as it comes to them and they are growing in grace and enjoying the blessings of God in their work. Our desire is that every one may let God have His way with each one. Attendance: First-day morning 12 First-day evening 37.

We have the pure Gospel preached to us and the ministry is meeting the needs of the congregation.

We have resumed our sewing in the Missionary Society after doing very little work in the two summer months of July and August. There was good interest in the October meeting. We are working for the people in the Southern Mountains. Our Young People decided to send the money that was formerly used for the education of a young Chinese to help John and Ruth Earle who are now in India.

The Portuguese Mission continues with good interest. A large number from Newport have attended several times recently and brought inspiration in testimony and in song.

Providence

The interest and loyalty among the members and attenders of the Providence meeting are encouraging. Saylesville Bible School contributes a salutary influence to the community. Both meetings observed Rally Day with creditable attendance.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of officers for the en-

suing year report as follows:
Clerk, Edith T. Battey
Assistant Clerk, Grace H. Luther
This report was united with and they are appointed to their respective offices for one year.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the re-appointment of Mary H. Macomber, Alice R. Jackson, Nellie P. Thurston and Frederick H. Holman as elders for three years. The above decision was united with by this meeting.

The Queries were read at this time.

The business of the meeting having been completed, we adjourn purposing to meet next in Providence 5th. mo. 6th. if the Lord will.

Laura B. Gydelott
Clerk.

1933

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence R.I. 5th Mo. 6-1933. Reports from our several monthly meetings show the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are:— From Rhode Island, Isabell Tracy, Addah M. Trout, Archie E. Luther and Annie C. Sherman; from Swansea, William T. Burton, Caroline W. DuBois; Providence, Walter J. Ladd, Emily S. White, Willis T. White and Edith T. Battey, all were present except one. The minutes of the last meeting were read and stand approved.

Reports of the spiritual conditions of our meetings were as follows:-

Portsmouth, - We believe that many of our members are careful in their walk and conversation and that they are true to the Lord. There has been a marked loyalty and faithfulness to the meetings for worship this winter for which we praise God. The ministry is true to the Word and meets the need of the congregation. No new work has been entered upon the past quarter but all our regular activities are being carried on. Average attendance First day morning 37, Evening 57.

Newport - We thank the dear Lord for the degree of spiritual life manifested in our meeting; but we humbly acknowledge there is much need of a further deepening in things divine. The gospel is preached in all simplicity. The inspired Scriptures are a basis for all messages. Aside from our regular services there is a young peoples meeting held every Sunday night; the young people also have services at the jail, Homes for the aged - both men and women, and members of the meeting assist in mission work. Attendance, First Day morning, 61.5 Evening 45 - B. School 66, mid week meeting, 41.

Swansea Monthly Meeting submits the names of Henry J. Harvey, Laura B. Aydelotte and Anne R. Chace for Elders for three years. These names are approved by this meeting. Providence Monthly Meeting is united in appointing Willis H. White, Edith B. Gifford and Margaret J. Sisson to the station of Elders for three years, this appointment is approved by this meeting.

The Queries were read and Willis H. White, Edith T. Bailey, Harold A. Myers and Henry H. Mosher were appointed representatives to attend the Quar- meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, eighth month 20, 1933.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn, purposing to meet in Newport at the usual time in the eighth Mo. - If the Lord wills -

Edith T. Bailey,
Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight convened, according to adjournment, at Newport Eighth Month 5, 1933

Reports from our meeting inform us that the following Friends are appointed as representatives to this meeting—

Rhode Island.
Edward C. Faulkner, Edward B. Ayler, Archie E. Luther and Nellie V. Thurston
Swansea
William H. Burton and Caroline W. De Blois
Providence
Charles C. Culbert, Thomas J. Jackson, Mabel McManus, Emily S. White and Walter J. Ladd.

Five of these were present.

Report of records of last Quarter was read and stand approved.

Rhode Island Monthly meeting sent a report of the spiritual conditions of its meeting as follows.

Portsmouth

We believe that most of our congregation are concerned about their spiritual condition and that there is a seeking for a deeper knowledge of God's will.

Attendance of Meeting
First day morning 41 Evening 39

The Gospel is clearly preached and the ministry meets the needs of the congregation.

The Young People's meeting continues as does the Missions. Our Missionary Society first sent seven comforters, many pillow cases, sheets, tea towels, and other useful articles to Miss McConnell's work in the Kentucky mountains.

Newport—
We believe that many of our members are desiring to walk in a way well pleasing to the Lord
Average attendance
First day morning 51. Evening 39.
Mid week meeting 30.8 (One morning meeting and two evening meetings not included many away.)

The ministry has been evangelical and sound in doctrine.

Work has continued as previously reported last quarter.—namely Services held by Young People at the jail, homes for the aged and the Gospel Mission.

Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight attended except two.

A nominating committee to bring forward names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk was appointed which consisted of Walter J. Ladd and Annie C. Sherman. The committee to bring forward the report at our next Quarterly Meeting in Fall River.

James A. Corey Yearly Meeting Superintendent and James and Rebecca Weld were in attendance at this meeting.

The business coming before the meeting having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet in Fall River in Eleventh Month if the Lord so directs.

Annie C. Sherman
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight convened at Somerset, Mass. 11th 4th, 1933.

The clerk and assistant clerk not being present, Willis H. White was appointed clerk for the day. The assistant clerk arrived soon after and assumed her duties.

By reports from the several monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the following are appointed as representatives to this meeting:

Rhode Island:
Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther; Edward C. Faulkner and Annie C. Sherman;
Providence:
Walter J. Ladd, Willis H. White, Harold W. Meyers, Archibald Renfrew, and Emily S. White.
Swansea:
Emma B, Buffington, Annie R. Chase, Henry J. Harvey.
East Greenwich:
No report received.
All present except one.

The Committee appointed last quarter to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Clerks for the ensuing year, present the names of Edith T. Batley for Clerk, and Grace H. Luther for assistant clerk.

The meeting unites with these nominations and the friends named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sends the following report on the spiritual condition of its meetings: as follows:

Portsmouth:

We rejoice that we can truthfully say that there is a growing interest in spiritual things on the part of some in our meeting. Conditions in the disturbed world points to the coming of our Lord and this purifying hope is causing us to consider our ways and walk in the light which God gives unto us.

Attendance of meeting:

First day morning, 49, Evening 37.

The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the meeting. The messages are timely and heart searching with love and a deep concern for all those who are not in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We continue with the young Peoples' Meeting and have begun the winter activities in our missionary Society with good interest. The meetings with the Portuguese people continue and the attendance is good.

Newport:

At the present time the meeting is passing thru a strain but those that are loyal, and feel the responsibility of the meeting are made to realize their dependence upon the Divine Head of the Church.

Attendance

First day morning. 49 - Evening 46.
Fourth day evening 26. Bible School 52.

The Queries have been read.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn to meet at Providence

Fifth month. 5th, 1934. if the Lord permits,

Grace H. Luther. asst. clerk,

5th mo, 1934

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence, R.I. 5th mo. 5th, 1934.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

According to reports from our local meetings, the following named friends are representatives to this meeting:

Rhode Island,

Alice R. Jackson, Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther, and Frederick W. Holman, three of whom were present,

Greenwich,

No report.

Providence,

Margaret G. Sisson, Walter J. Ladd, Edith T. Battey, Willis H. White, and Elizabeth Munroe, three of whom were present.

Swansea,

William H. Burton, Caroline W. DeBlois, Henry J. Harvey, two of whom were present.

The queries have been read.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Rhode Island.

The congregation at Portsmouth reports First Day morning average attendance 42 with 30 in the evening, with the ministry adapted to the needs of the meeting. There has been a continuation of splendid interest in the monthly missionary meetings. A slight decrease in attendance has been noted in the Portuguese Mission, nevertheless a good degree of interest is manifested on the part of these people. Once each month, the subject of missions, also temperance have been presented at the Young Peoples' meetings by outside speakers.

The congregation at Newport reports First Day morning average attendance 52.8 with 41.6 in the evening. Fourth Day evening 29 and Bible School 66. Spiritual advancement in the lives of some of the members has been noted. The Young People continue to hold services at the Home for Aged Women.

Greenwich,
No report.

Providence,

Swansea,

The private life of the membership, those taking an active interest in the meetings, seems consistent with our profession. There is marked indifference on the part of some who still wish to be retained on the records.

Family worship in the generally accepted sense is not generally observed.

Attendance upon public worship has been comparatively good at the Swansea meeting and fair at the bi-monthly meetings held in Fall River during the fall and winter. Relations to one another and to the world are friendly, peaceful and considerate.

No outstanding christian work has been done but friends are willing and ready to help wherever needed.

Some feel the personal responsibility in worship but it is not striking nor general. The financial needs of the meeting are being met by the few who retain interest in the work.

Friends have a definite concern for those in need - visiting the sick and cheering them with flowers and fellowship, rendering material aid where necessary.

Friends are careful to provide education for their children both secular and religious - the latter, sometimes through the medium of other denominations.

Increased interest is noted in the various activities of Swansea meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that it is united in recommending the appointment of Marianna M. Chace, William H. Burton and A. Homer Skinner to the station of Elder for a term of three years. The meeting approved and the Mo. Mtg. is at liberty to proceed with its appointment.

We appoint as our representatives to the next yearly meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, 6th mo. 26, 1934, Willis H. White, Augustus W. Benedict, Emily S. White and Archie E. Luther.

Having in harmony concluded the business, we adjourn purposing to meet next at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th mo. 4th, if the Lord so wills.

Grace H. Luther.
Asst. Clerk.

8th mo. 1934.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry & Oversight held at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th mo. 4th, 1934.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

According to reports from our local meetings, the following named friends are representatives to this meeting:

Rhode Island,

Annie C. Sherman, Alice R. Jackson, Marguerite Briggs & Frederick W. Holmsn, of whom all are present.

Greenwich,

E. Annah Tucker

Providence,

Margaret G. Sisson, Walter L. Ladd, Wm. A. Brown, Willis H. White, Emily S. White and Helen T. Gifford; three of whom are present,

Swansea,

Caroline W. DeBlois, Augustus W. Benedict & William H. Burton. two of whom are present.

The queries have been read.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Rhode Island,

The congregation at Portsmouth reports First Day morning average attendance 44, with 32 in the evening, and the ministry excellent and well adapted to the needs of the meeting. Owing to the illness of Adda Mary Trout, it has become necessary to discontinue their activities at the Portuguese Mission however the work is being carried on by some of their own nationality.

The congregation at Newport reports First Day morning average attendance 65, with 55 in the evening, and Fourth Day evening 33, with Bible School attendance 64. The ministry is excellent in its adaptation to the needs of the meeting, with an undershepherd who has a deep interest in the spiritual life of our youth, several of whom have taken advanced steps in the christian life.

Greenwich.

Providence, Mid-week meetings held. Saylesville services as usual. No change in activities of the mtg.

Swansea,

The private life of the membership, those taking an active interest in the meetings, seems consistent with our profession. There is marked indifference on the part of some who still wish to be retained on the records. Family worship in the usually accepted sense is not generally observed.

The attendance is comparatively good at the Swansea Meeting and fair at the bi-monthly meetings held in Fall River during the fall and winter.

Relations to one another and to the world are friendly, peaceful and considerate. No outstanding christian work has been done but friends are willing and ready to help wherever needed.

Some feel the personal responsibility in worship but it is not striking nor general. The financial needs of the meeting are being met by the few who retain interest in the work.

Friends have a definite concern for those in need, visiting the sick and cheering them with flowers and fellowship, and rendering material aid where necessary.

Friends are careful to provide education for their children both secular and religious - the latter sometimes thru the medium of other denominations.

The standing of the meetings in their respective communities is high and respected and cooperation with other religious activities welcomed.

While there are no signs of active progress at Fall River, the Swansea meeting shows increasing interest in the church or meeting proper, the Sunday School, and the young Friends' group. The pastor has been active not only in his home meeting but has exchanged pulpits with neighboring churches and attended all ministers' meetings whenever possible.

Walter J. Ladd, Annie C. Sherman and Augustus Benedict are appointed to bring forward names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for the coming year, to report in 11th month.

The representatives appointed in 5th month to attend the yearly Meeting held at Ocean Park, Maine, 6th mo. 26th 1934, report that they all attended except one.

The presence of the Evangelistic Supt. of the yearly Meeting is noted.

Having in harmony concluded the business coming before us, we adjourn purposing to meet next at South Somerset, Mass. 11th mo. 3rd 1934.

Grace H. Luther,
Ass't. Clerk.

11th Mo. 1934

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at South Somerset, Mass. 11th Mo. 3rd 1934.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

According to reports from our local meetings the following named friends are representatives to this meeting;

Rhode Island
Archie E. Luther
Annie C. Sherman
Frederick W. Holman
Marguerite L. Briggs Three of whom are present

Providence
Willis H. White
Charles H. White
Harold W. Meyers
Emily S. White
Margret G. Sission four of whom are present.

No reports were receive from East Greenwich or Swansea.

The Queries have been read.

The committee appointed last quarter to bring forward names of Friends to serve as clerks for the ensuing year present the names of Augustus W. Benedict for Clerk and Grace H. Luther for assistant clerk.

The meeting unites with these nominations and the Friends named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meeting are as follows:

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is encouraging. First day morning 42 evening 36. The character of the ministry is excellent. Is suitbly adapted to the needs of the people. The one greatest need is salvation from sin and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

There is no new evidence of spiritual gifts.

There is very good interest shown in the young people's meeting.

"Jesus said Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and these are they which testify of me" Jo. 5: 39

And this is eternal life that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" Is. 17:3

Newport

There are signs of a desire on the part of some of our members for a closer walk with the Lord and for a keener ear to hear the softest whispers of His voice.

Attendance: First day Morning 64 Evening 60; Fourth day Evening 39; Bible School 61.

The ministry appears to be meeting the needs of the Congregation.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting submits the names of Isaac B. Macomber, Charlotte Deware, John F. Chase Jr. and Archie E. Luther for elders for three years. These names are approved by this meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting submits the names of Caroline De Blois, Emma S. Hathaway and Nathan Chace to serve as elders for three years. These names are approved by this meeting.

The business coming before this meeting having been completed we adjourn, purposing to meet in Providence, Fifth month fourth 1935, if the Lord so permits.

Compiled from the notes and papers of Golda H. Luther.

[illegible] W. Benedict.

Clerk.

5th mo 1935 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence, Rhode Island, Fifth month third 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

According to reports from our local meetings, the following named friends are representatives to this meeting:

Rhode Island.

Marguerite E. Briggs, Archie E. Fuller, Elizabeth J. Troutt and Annie E. Sherman, all of whom are present.

Providence:

Willis H. White, Harold E. Meyers, Helen T. Gifford, Archibald J. Renfrew, Emily S. White and Walter I. Good, five of whom are present.

Swansea:

Caroline W. DuBois, Annie R. Chace and Augustus W. Benedict, all of whom are present.

Greenwich

No report.

The meeting unites in appointing Archie E. Fuller to fill the office of assistant clerk left vacant by the passing of Grace H. Fuller.

The clerk is instructed to present to the Quarterly Meeting a minute expressing our deep sense of loss in the passing of two of our ministers, Grace H. Fuller and Ida M. Trout. We are thankful for their lives of service and devotion and desire that a portion of their spirit may be ours.

We appoint Annie C. Sherman and Marguerite L. Briggs to prepare a suitable memorial to them and report it at this meeting.

The Queries were read at this time.

Reports on state of society from various meetings were as follows:

Portsmouth.

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation is encouraging. The attendance is good, First-day morning 38, evening 28.

We believe the character of the ministry under the approval of our Heavenly Father, and is adapted to the spiritual need of the people. The word is preached "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sins."

Care is exercised toward the development and encouragement of all spiritual gift

Newport.

We believe that many of our members who attend regularly our meeting are deepening spiritually.

Messages [illegible] given that we seek [illegible] intensity, the desire to grow in our meeting life and to become better acquainted with Jesus Christ – the Head of the Church.

No new work has been entered upon since last report.

Attendance: First-day morning 66, evening 51, midweek meeting 31, Bible school, 68.

Providence

The private life of our membership during the year is satisfactorily reflected in the sincere way in which it has faced the serious problems of our complex daily life.

We wish the practice of family devotions were more general.

We are interested in christian work about us and in other lands.

Monthly Meeting Missionary Society is one channel which keeps us in touch with much of the benevolent work of Friends as a whole and being affiliated with the Federation of Woman's Church Societies of Rhode Island which in turn is of the National Organization, we are [illegible] in touch with all groups [illegible] and in missionary [illegible] along with the resources of our own [illegible]!

[illegible] the meeting is [illegible] economies, [illegible] continues to give as much as it feels able; and we have a kindly feeling of fellowship among our members

We feel strongly the need of

[illegible] our training among all ages and we are striving to accomplish this as far as possible.

As we participate in religious activities in the community we are conscious that our efforts are appreciated.

In noting the signs of progress in our meeting we will try to include references to the attendance upon public worship and the sense of personal responsibility in the worship.

It is not the desire of Providence Monthly Meeting to take credit for activities carried on outside its particular jurisdiction, however, a summary of conditions to be complete would include the larger work of Friends within the Providence area. Providence Monthly Meeting officially comprises two particular meetings; the Saylesville and the North Main Street meetings. The "sphere of influence" of Providence Monthly Meeting extends to include four meetings. Because of the impetus given Friends' activities and the inseparableness of the membership and the renewed activity among Friends, it seems desirable to inform Friends concerning the renewal of and enlargement of interest within the confines of the meeting even though there may be some justification for the idea that this meeting is taking credit to which it is not entitled.

Properly to account for four existing meetings it is necessary to evaluate three rather basic factors. First, there must be the recognition of a particular need existing in each given situation, and second, the existence of, or rather the need of a different type of leadership in each instance. The question presents itself: What are the needs?

It is plausible the history of the work would indicate the most vital periods of its existence were devoted to ministering to the community needs of comparatively young children. The effectiveness of the work there is determined quite largely by the effectiveness of the Bible School work. At Moses Brown, a meeting and a ministry consistent with the objectives of the school are provided. At the North Main Street meeting the unprogrammed, non-pastoral type of meeting seems most effectively to meet the needs of those who are actually there.

The added impetus referred to above felt by all Friends in and about Providence, has come as a result of activities of Providence Monthly Meeting. The first step was the instruction of the Monthly Meeting to the Social Committee to arrange occasions whereby all local Friends might get together for fellowship and to become acquainted with each other. Scarcely had Friends come together before there was detected the very definite desire to enlarge activities of Friends to include a First Day School; in the course of the discussion in relation to the school, it was determined that a school would be incomplete without a Meeting for Worship. After careful consideration the Lincoln School was selected as the most appropriate place for the beginning; consequently during the past several weeks an independent Meeting for Worship and Bible School have been held.

From the outset the newly formed group has adhered to principles considered basically Friendly; chief among them are: first, a decentralized responsibility particularly in relation to vocal expression in the Meeting for Worship — democracy characterizes the procedure; second, freedom, the absence of any compulsion either to speak or refrain from speaking, so essential if true liberty is to prevail; and third the worship is one of silence, the opportunity for uninterrupted communion, the distinguishing characteristic of Friends worship is retained. Unity of thought concerning the central principle of Friends' worship forms "the substance of things hoped for — and the evidence of things not seen" not only for the newly formed group but against a vast sphere of possibilities for men everywhere desiring to know intimately the more effective way of life. Friends of Providence are justly proud and sincerely humble by this new expression of spiritual life and vitality.

The [illegible] report was augmented by a description of the meeting at Lincoln School by Helen T. Gifford.

No report from Swansea or Greenwich.

Providence Monthly meeting presents the names of Emily S. White, Walter J. Ladd, William Allen Brown and William W. Este, to serve as Elders for three years. This meeting concurs with Providence Monthly Meeting in this choice.

The following named Friends are appointed as representatives from this Meeting to the Yearly meeting on Ministry and Oversight, to be held at Ocean Park Me. Sixth month 25th 1935; Emily S. White, Augustus W. Benedict, E. [illegible] Tucker and Helen T. Gifford.

Having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn to meet at Portsmouth Rhode Island 8th mo 3rd 1935 if the Lord permits.

Augustus W. Benedict
[illegible] Clerks.

8th mo. 3rd 1935 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Portsmouth, R. I. 8th mo. 3rd 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

According to reports from local meetings the following named Friends are Representatives to this meeting: from Providence; John C. Culbert, Edith T. Battey, Emily S. White, Willis H. White, Walter J. Ladd: from Rhode Island; Frederick W. Holman, Archie E. Luther, Alice R. Jackson and Charlotte Deware: from Swansea, Annie R. Chase, Augustus W. Benedict and Caroline W. DuBlois. No report was presented from E. Greenwich but E. Anna Tucker is present with us. Of those appointed as representatives all are present but two.

The Queries were read at this time.

The following reports of spiritual condition were presented:

Portsmouth

The spiritual condition and life of the congregation are good. The average attendance First day morning 40 Evening 30

The Character of the ministry is without doubt adapted to the needs of the people. The Word is preached with no uncertain sound. It is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath; That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec" Heb 6:17-20

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? as it is written For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors thru Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:34-39.

Care is taken for the development and encouragement of all spiritual gifts. There is no new work entered upon since last report.

Newport.

It would seem that by gauging the spiritual life of the congregation by observation and the testimony of individuals that some are pressing onward while others need to be stirred to their privilege of knowing the Lord Jesus by a vital living experience in their lives.

The attendance is fair. Average Sunday morning 67 evening 46.7 midweek meeting [illegible]

Bible School 61.5

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation."

A Committee of three, Willis H. White E. Annah Tucker and Annie C. Sherman was appointed to nominate a clerk and an assistant clerk for the next year. They are to report in 11th month

Memorials to Adda M. Trout and Grace Hobbs Luther having been prepared, as directed, by Annie C. Sherman and Marguerite D. Briggs they are presented at this time and are as follows.

Adda M. Trout.

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In writing this sketch of Adda Mary Trout, who has been promoted to the "Life Beyond" the purpose is not to eulogize her but to exalt Christ whom she loved and served.

Those who knew her intimately were impressed by the buoyant, joyous spirit which she exhibited. God's will was her first thot. It also seemed that where ever she was, whether in the home, meeting strangers, in the place of worship, or by the side of one of our beautiful New England lakes she desired to exalt her Christ by a personal testimony or a word of exhortation that "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" She was a person of strong convictions and by His help carried out the injunction --

"Out in the fight or on picket

Stand firm and true
This is the work which your Master gives
you to do."

The Motto -- "Let prayer be the key of the morning and the Bolt of the evening" by Matthew Henry -- was in her room in a place easily to be seen. This was the secret of her life. Many battles were fought and won on her knees which few knew about. "He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets" was known by her.

She loved the little children and while in health would often visit the private school at morning devotions. How the children delighted to have her come!. She would talk to them of the Savior who loved little children. Sometimes it was a lesson with a simple object to illustrate the teaching. One of the remarkable things about this would be that the object would be lost sight of by some while the truth taught would stay in the mind, and, we trust, get down into the hearts of the listeners.

She was an ardent worker among the children and young people of the meeting and Bible school. Much Scripture was memorized by them under her supervision. She was not satisfied with this but desired that each one should have a personal acquaintance with Jesus as his or her Savior. At her funeral one young man testified to what her influence had meant to his spiritual life.

For years one of the burdens upon her heart were the Portuguese people that had settled in the town. She lived to see a little mission started for them and was one of the leaders in it until her health was such that she had to lay it down.

During her illness which was borne with such patience thru the sustaining grace of the Lord, she wanted only His will accomplished and desired that she, by no decision made would weaken her faith in Him. Many times when her body was weak and wracked with pain, for no drugs were taken by her sweet rest would come to her from her Father above in answer to the prayers which had ascended to the throne on her behalf. She could with confidence sing

Sweet will of God still fold me closer
'Till I am wholly lost in Thee".

She who loved to work among her plants, digging out the weeds and pruning unnecessary growth, and they seemingly awakened and blossomed by her touch and care many times to the wonderment of her friends, has been translated to the Heavenly Kingdom where there is nothing to mar or destroy the beautiful but now is looking into the face of her Beloved and if she could speak to us today would say

"Only a sinner saved by Grace".

Grace Hobbs Luther

Grace Hobbs Luther

"God's plans like lilies pure
and white unfold
We must not tear the close shut
leaves apart

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold".

When Grace Hobbs Luther came as a bride to Newport over nine years ago she was delighted with the beauties of nature all around. How she loved the ocean! One of her great pleasures was to visit it after a storm and see the "waves dash high on the rock bound coast" We of the East are rather reserved. She must have noticed this but it was not long before she formed friendships that stayed with her during the short time she lingered here.

One who knew her in the Cleveland Bible School, of which institution she was a graduate, was impressed by her devoted prayer and her loving concern for the new student.

Her love for her meeting grew as time went by. She carried a heavy burden for it which few realized. She was greatly concerned that Friends should not drift from their moorings.

She was alert to sense quickly the working of the Spirit in lives and would speak to one or more friends of how in her Bible class she saw this developing in one of her girls. She was not amiss for that young woman is blossoming out like a lily in her Christian character. Little do we know of the secret prayer that ascended for her class.

When great problems and difficult situations were facing the work of the Lord, she was among the little group who would gather together and intercede. She lived to see marvelous answers to some of these crises.

If in any way she saw that she had spoken the hasty word, passing swift judgment on another's acts she was quick to acknowledge this. Just the evening before she was called to be with the Lord she corrected over the telephone something that she had said.

The truth of Jesus coming back to earth for His Bride was very dear to her and she could with the poet say:

"Let us live our blessed hope,
Let us prove our advent prayer
Let us watch and work and live
For His coming to prepare.
Let us send the Gospel forth
Till the world His name shall know,
And the Bride, complete, shall cry,
Come Lord Jesus even so."

But He came another way and took her quietly to be with Him forever, so her life has blossomed out like a lily in the heavenly garden of the Lord.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight from this body ~~all~~ report all attended but one.

We note with pleasure the presence of Mrs Lucia Cox of Luho, China. Charles Wesner and James and Rebecca Wild.

Having completed the business coming before us we do now adjourn to meet at So. Somerset 11th mo 2nd 1935 if the Lord permit.

G. W. Benedict Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at So Somerset, Mass. Eleventh month second, 1935. 11/2/1935

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Friends appointed to represent their local meetings at this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island.
Elizabeth L. Trout, Marguerite D. Briggs
Nellie P. Thurston Archie E. Luther.

Providence
Helen T. Gifford, Walter J. Ladd, Edith L. Batty, Archibald Renfrew.

Swansea
Annie R. Chace Caroline W. DuBois
Henry L. Harvey, Emma B. Brightman
Laura B. Aydelott.

Response to roll-call show all present but five with excuse presented for one.

The nominating committee, appointed in eighth mo, having no report ready is instructed to report at the next meeting. The present officers are to hold over until relieved.

Reports on Spiritual Condition are presented by Newport and Portsmouth meetings.

Newport:

"We thank the Lord for all the spiritual life manifested in our congregation but we can with humility confess that we desire the further progress of our members in the graces of the Spirit.

The character of the ministry is excellent and well adapted to the needs of the congregation

Attendance First day morning 65 evening 47
Fourth day evening 29 Bible School 58"

Portsmouth

"In these days when God is permitting testings upon the people of the world, we need to realize that only as we yield ourselves fully to the Lord will we be able to witness a good confession before the world.

We do believe there are those among us who are renouncing everything that hinders and are determined to please Him "who called us from darkness to His marvelous light."

Attendance First-day morning 39 evening 26

Our young people are continuing their meeting which is held just before the evening service. One meeting each month is devoted to missions and one to temperance. In each of these some outside speaker brings the message.

Our missionary society has begun winter activities and we hope for increased interest.

The character of the ministry is suited to the needs of the congregation.

The messages are carefully and prayerfully prepared, teaching, exhortation and warnings are fearlessly given."

The queries were read at this time.

This meeting approves of the appointment of Mary W. Macomber, Alice R. Jackson, Nellie P. Thurston and Fredrick W. Holman as elders for three years in Rhode Island Monthly meeting and of Annie R. Chase, Henry J. Harvey and Laura B. Tydetott for the same office + term in Swansea Monthly meeting. The clerk is instructed to notify these meetings of our approval.

The clerk is instructed to communicate with the clerks of the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight asking them to appoint a member of their body to serve on a committee to have the care of holding a mid-winter meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

We are glad to record the presence with us today of Edward and Marion Kelsey and of Friends from Sandwich Quarter. Edward Kelsey has brought to us our first picture of the Five Year's meeting just closed at Richmond Ind.

Having completed the business coming before us we adjourn to meet in fifth month at Providence R.I. or subject to the call of the committee refered to above, local meetings to appoint representatives to this meeting.

Augustus W. Benedict
Clerk.

Special Meeting
3/7/36

At a mid winter session of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight, called by the committee, provision for whose appointment was made in 11th month last, held at So. Somerset, Third month seventh, 1936.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee having no report ready is instructed to report at the next meeting.

The committee having the care of this meeting reports as follows:

"A committee appointed by the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight met at Portsmouth Friends Parsonage 1st Mo 18, 1936

Of the four named on that committee three were present.

The subject under consideration was whether we should hold a meeting on Ministry and Oversight at about the time the regular Quarterly meeting used to be held in February.

after prayer we felt it would be pleasing to the Lord for us thus to meet.

We thought it best to hold the meeting Third mo 7th, 1936 at the So Somerset Friends Meeting house at 2 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Trout
Sec for the Com."

This report was accepted and the committee released.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the presence of James Coney, Evangelistic Supt. His message and counsel have much increased the blessings of the meeting.

Having concluded the business coming before us, and having spent time in profitable worship and consideration of our problems and privileges as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight, we now adjourn purposing to meet in fifth mo in Providence, R.I. if the Lord so wills.

Augustus W. Benedict
Clerk.

5th mo 2nd 1936 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held Fifth month second 1936 at Providence R.I.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island

Archie C. Latham, Allie P. Thurston
Elizabeth J. Trout, Isabel Tripp
all of whom are present.

Providence
Walter J. Ladd, Emily S. White
Willis H. White, Edith T. Battey
Harold W. Meyers.
Four of whom are present.

Swansea
Augustus W. Benedict
Wm. H. Burton.
One of these is present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and met the approval of the meeting.

The report of the nominating committee appointed in 8th month 1935 was received. They brought forward the following names
For clerk Augustus W. Benedict.
For assistant clerk Archie E. Luther

These names were approved and the persons named having held over until now at the desire of the meeting, will continue on until the end of the year.

Reports on the ~~spiritual condition~~ of the meeting are at hand from Portsmouth and Newport. They follow.

Portsmouth: The spirit of the Lord is precious to many of our members and they earnestly want His will in all things. We earnestly hope more will let Him use them in His service.

Attendance First day morning 32 Evening 29.

The ministry is faithful to the Word of God and is adapted to the needs of the meeting.

For some time now we have been having a Bible class during the regular time of the Young Peoples meeting. This is for the purpose of memorizing the Scriptures. A good interest has been manifest. Some of the older ones have learned the passages assigned.

Our missionary meeting has held its regular meetings once a month all winter in spite of ice & sickness except the day of Frederick Holman's funeral. We are now sewing on quilts for missionaries in So. America. We have finished one and four committees hope to finish one each in the next few months.

Newport.

We are glad to know that some of our members show spiritual advancement.

The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the congregation.

There has been some Gospel service rendered at the Walter Lowrey Club meetings.

Attendance: First day a.m. 71 eve. 43
mid week 26 Bible school 75

Following the consideration of these reports the queries were read.

Friends appointed to represent this meeting at the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held Sixth mo 23rd 1936 at Ocean Park Me are as follows:

Emily L. White. Willis H. White
Elizabeth J. Trout Archie E. Luther
Augustus W. Benedict Annie C. Sherman.

Having concluded the business coming before us, We adjourn to meet at Portsmouth R.I. in eight month if the Lord so will.

Augustus W. Benedict Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Portsmouth, R.I. eighth month 1st 1936.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives to attend this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island; Alice R. Jackson and Isabel Gray, both of whom are present.

Greenwich; E. Anna Tucker, who is present.

Providence; Willis H. White, Henry T. Gifford and Archibald Renfrew. One of these is present.

Swansea; Annie R Shaw + Charles Estes, One of these is present.

The minutes of the meeting held in Providence in Fifth month have been read and are approved.

Reports on the spiritual condition of the meetings are at hand from Portsmouth and Newport. They follow

"Portsmouth: Most of our members who attend seem true to the Gospel and while there is room to advance we do feel that many are getting an enlarged vision of Christ.

Attendance (no figures)

The messages are true to the word of God and according to the teachings of the Bible. We thank God for the truth.

There are those in our meeting who give evidence of spiritual gifts and we are encouraging them as opportunity presents.

During the past months our young people have been devoting their hour to definite Bible study, even the older ones have taken part in the study.

Our missionary society has discontinued the afternoon sewing meeting for the summer but still have the evening program.

Our new work consists of an open air meeting held at Island Park previous to our evening meeting for worship. A goodly number of our congregation have taken an interest in these meetings.

Newport: In surveying the spiritual condition and life of the congregation we are made to realize that we should depend more on the Spirit to work in our individual hearts.

Attendance:

First day morning 48 evening 40

Bible School " 46

Midweek Prayer Meeting 27.

The Gospel is preached.

Some of the members aid in an open air meeting held generally every Saturday evening."

Due to an oversight the names of Friends to serve as elders in Providence Meeting failed to reach us and therefore the matter of approving their appointment is laid over until our meeting in Eleventh month.

Reports from the representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Ocean Park, Me. in Sixth month show that all attended except two.

The Queries have been read.

Alice P. Jackson, Annie R. Chace and Willis H. White are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward, at our meeting in Eleventh month, the names of Friends to serve as Clerk + Assistant Clerk for the coming year.

Having concluded the business coming before us, we adjourn purposing to meet at Swansea in Eleventh month, seventh, 1936 if the Lord permits.

Luther

11 mo 7th 1936

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Swansea, Mass. Eleventh month 7th, 1936.

According to reports the following Friends are representatives to this meeting.

Providence: Willis H. White
Walter J. Ladd Mabel I. McManus
Archibald G. Renfrew Emily S. White
Rhode Island: Alice R. Jackson.
Elizabeth J. Trout Archie E. Luther
Marguerite Briggs.
Swansea: Augustus W. Benedict
Emma B. Buffinton, Henry J. Harvey.

Of these appointed, eight are present.

The Minutes of the meeting in eighth month were read and approved.

The following reports on spiritual conditions were read & ordered placed on the records.

Portsmouth: "There are those of our members who are much concerned about the spiritual welfare of themselves and others, since this is a day where so many are not zealous for our Lord.

Attendance: First-day morning 34 evening 25.

We held some open air meetings at Island Park in July. Most of our people attended.

Our missionary meeting, afternoon & evening with a supper, has been resumed. We are making quilts for South American missionaries. We are also making sheets, pillowcases, a comfort, tea towels and holders for our Indian workers in San Blas.

The Young Peoples Meeting is given over

to the study of Scripture portions. They are planning some temperance instruction and missionary meetings.

The ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people and we are ever thankful to our Heavenly Father for one who is ever faithful in proclaiming the True Word of God."

Newport: There seems to be a spiritual awakening among some of our young people and a general desire to advance in spiritual life.

The character of the ministry is deeply spiritual and adapted to the needs of the people.

Attendance. First day morning 66; evening 49; mid week meeting 27. Bible school 6
No new work entered upon since last report."

The nominating committee reports the name of Augustus W. Benedict for clerk of this meeting for the coming year and of Archie E. Luther for assistant clerk for the same period.

This report was accepted and the above officers are installed.

This meeting concurs with Providence Monthly meeting in the choice of Emily S. White, Willis H. White William E. Brown Mabel McManus and Archibald Renfrew as elders to serve for three years.

This meeting concurs with Rhode Island Monthly meeting in the choice of Sarah M. Ward and Susan R. Trout to serve as elders for three years.

The Queries were read & spoken to by Alvano C. Goddard.

The matter of holding a midwinter session of this meeting was discussed and left to the discretion of the following committee

Elizabeth J. Trout
Augustus W. Benedict
Willis H. White.

Having completed the business coming before us we adjourn to meet in Fifth month at Providence R. I. or subject to the call of the committee appointed above.

Augustus W. Benedict
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 1st 1937

Reports from our several Monthly Meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island: Alice R. Jackson, Susan R. Trout, Charlotte Deware, Nellie P. Thurston. 3 of whom are present.

Providence: Edith T. Battey, Walter J. Todd Emily S. White, Mabel I. McManus 3 present

Swansea: Annie R. Chace 0 present

The records of our last meeting have been read and are approved.

The Queries have been read.

On account of his leaving the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, Augustus W. Benedict has tendered his resignation as Clerk and the same has been accepted

Elizabeth J. Trout and Willis H. White are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting. The committee is requested to make a report at our next meeting.

Friends appointed to represent this meeting at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month

22, 1937, are: Willis H. White; Elizabeth J. Trout; Mabel I. McManus. Archie E. Luther; Emily S. White and Edith T. Battey."

We are glad to note the acceptable attendance at this meeting of James Coney Superintendent of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work of the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet again in Portsmouth, R. I., Eighth Month 7th 1937, if the Lord permits.

Archie E. Luther
Assistant Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth Month 7th 1937.

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island,
 Nellie P. Thurston
 Charlotte Deware
 Susan R. Trout
 Annie C. Sherman
Providence,
 Elizabeth S. Estes
 Emily S. White
 Archibald G. Renfrew
 John C. Culbert
Swansea,
 Annie R. Chase
 Mary A. Harvey

The records of our last meeting have been read and stand approved

Reports of the spiritual condition of the local meetings are as follows:

Portsmouth, R. I.

We note in our members a growing sense of the greatness of our great salvation, and a fervent desire for revival. May our God send us showers of blessing. Our attendance has been good. The ministry is scriptural and the Spirit of God has been evident in our meetings. We feel it is well adapted to the needs of the congregation. Our missionary society has had a good year. We discontinued the afternoon meeting and supper for the summer months. Our young peoples meeting continues with blessing.

Newport, R. I.

We believe that many of our members are having their lives adjusted in a way that will please the Lord.

Attendance - First day morning	65
" " evening	47
Bible Schooll	64.9
Midweek meeting	25

Gospel messages are given that tend to meet the needs of the congregation
The Queries were read

Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Sixth Month at Ocean Park, Maine report that all attended but one

The Queries have been read

From the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Overnight we have received the following letter of advice regarding qualifications required of applicants for membership:

Sixth Month 25, 1937

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dear Friends;

Having considered well the "Minute" from Falmouth Meeting on Ministry and Oversight regarding qualifications of applicants for membership the New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is of the mind that applicants should be made acquainted with the Principles of the Religious Society of Friends as set forth in our Discipline.

Applicants should be urged to wait, worshiping with us until convinced they desire to accept our Principles and follow them.

It is suggested we have study classes using the Discipline as a text book laying emphasis upon the positive truths.

Let us not stress non-essentials but require the one great fundamental, a changed heart acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

As the spiritual leaders of our meetings we should set the example of daily meditation. We should urge applicants to spend time each day alone with God and His Word especially studying the life of Christ.

He is the only hope of this world, the one best fitted to meet our doubts and clear them away.

He is waiting to reveal Himself to everyone who will take time to earnestly, whole heartedly seek to know Him.

We feel each meeting can best meet its own situation remembering that "love never faileth".

Praying earnestly that we may go forward with constant Faith doing the Will of our Father.

On behalf of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,

Agnes W. Harrison
Clerk.

This meeting unites with the above statements and the Clerk is instructed to send copies of same to the subordinate meetings with the request that same be also read at a public meeting for worship.

The committee appointed for that purpose submit the following nomination:

For Clerk, E. Annah Tucker

Assistant Clerk, Marguarite D. Briggs

These are approved and the Friends named are appointed to their respective stations to serve the balance of 1937 and for 1938

Having completed the business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet again in South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh month 6th 1937

Archie E. Luther

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Swansea South Somerset Mass. Eleventh Month 6" 1937.

Reports from our local Meetings show that representatives appointed by them to attend this Meeting are,

From Rhode Island:

Alice R. Jackson
Elizabeth J. Trout
Nellie P. Thurston
Marguerite D. Briggs

Swansea:

Mary A. Harvey
Emma B. Buffington
Annie L. Chace

Providence

Willis H. White
Helen T. Gifford
Elizabeth S. Estes
Josephine H. Carr
Archibald G. Renfrew

Ten of whom attended.

Reports of our last Meeting were approved as read.

Reports of the spiritual condition of our Meetings are:

Portsmouth:

There is a very good spirit in our meetings in general but we long for a deepening of the Spirit on the part of many.

attendance First day Morning 46.
Evening 29

Our members feel the responsibility of the services and attend regularly.

We feel that the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people and the Truth is not diminished in any way.

Every one is given freedom and encouraged to exercise gifts they may have.

Newport:

There seems to be a healthy desire among the members that attend the services to deepen their spiritual experience.

Attendance Firstday morning	73
Evening	47
Fourthday evening	28
Bible School	65

Miles S. Traftan owing to ill-health has been released from further Gospel service in our Meeting. While with us he was faithful both in public service and in his personal contact with individuals to set forth plain Gospel messages - Christ the Way the Truth and the Life.

An opening has come for the Young People to hold a gospel service at the Welfare Home.

The Queries have been read.

The following named Friends were submitted for our approval to serve as Elders for three years;

From Rhode Island:

Archie E. Luther

John F. Chase Jr,
Isaac B. Macomber
Charlotte Dewane,
Swansea:
Mary A. Harvey
Nathan Chase
Emma S. Hathaway

all of the foregoing names are approved by this Meeting

Since a meeting for worship had been held last February to take the place of the Quarterly Meeting for worship formerly held at that time it was proposed to hold another meeting in the coming February.
Annie E. Sherman,
Archie E. Luther
Mary A. Harvey were appointed a committee to decide as to time and place of holding the proposed meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet next in Providence Fifth month 7" 1938 the Lord permitting.

E. Annah Filcker
Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 7th 1938

Reports from our several monthly meetings show that representatives appointed by them to attend this meeting are:
From; Rhode Island - Archie E. Luther, Marguerite D. Briggs, Elizabeth J. Trout and Alice R. Jackson
Providence - Willis H. White, Josephine H. Carr, Mabel McManus, Emily S. White and Harold W. Myers
Swansea - Annie R. Chace and Mary A. Harvey
Of these seven are present

The records of our last meeting have been read and are approved,

The Queries have been read.

The committee appointed in Eleventh Month 1937 to which was referred the matter of holding a meeting of this body at some time in between that meeting and this reported that after some effort to arrange a suitable date it had been finally decided not to call the meeting.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Alice R. Jackson, Josephine H. Carr, Elizabeth J. Trout, Edith T. Battey, E. Annah Tucker, Mary A. Harvey and Emily S. White.

no further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet next at Portsmouth, R.I. Eighth month 6th 1938 the Lord permitting

Archie E. Luther
Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and oversight held in Portsmouth Eighth month 6" 1938

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

From Rhode Island:
Archie E. Luther
Nellie P. Thurston
Elizabeth J. Trout
Marguerite D. Briggs.
Swansea
Annie P. Chace.
Cecil E. Pearson.
Providence
William H. Estes.
Elizabeth S. Estes.
Willis H. White.
Emily S. White.
Josephine H. Carr.
Mabel J. MacManus.

These were all present except one.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

The Queries have been read.

Representatives appointed by this meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Ocean Park Maine June 22" were present except two.

Rhode Island reports that Norman E. Trafton a minister of the Reformed Baptist of Canada, having done (acceptable) service at week ends at Newport has taken up regular pastoral work in that meeting for the year.

Willis P. White Alice R. Jackson were appointed a committee to present names of Friends to serve as Clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting.

Desire was expressed by a number of Friends that this meeting should not only be held for transaction of its business but that a more general expression of interest concerning the spiritual welfare of our meetings with helpful suggestions should be vocalized.

In harmony of purpose we adjourn to meet in South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh month 5" 1938, the Lord permitting.

E. Annah Tucker,
Clerk. by M. D B.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Swansea South Somerset, Mass., 11 Month 5th, 1938.

Reports from our local Meeting show that representatives appointed by them to attend this meeting are:

From Rhode Island

Alice R Jackson
Susan R Trout
Annie C Sherman
Isabel Truax

Swansea

Annie R Chace   Cecil E. Pearson
Mary A Harvey

Providence

Josephine H. Carr
Willis H. White
Mabel I. McManus
William W. Estes

East Greenwich

Not represented

Reports of the spiritual condition of our Meetings are:

From Rhode Island

At a session of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on ministry and Oversight which was held at Portsmouth Tenth Month 26, 1938, the Queries were read and the following Friends appointed to attend your meeting as representatives:- Alice R Jackson, Susan R Trout, Annie C. Sherman, and Isabel Truax.

Annie C. Sherman,
Clerk

Swansea:

At Swansea local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Somerset, Tenth Month 10th, 1938.

We appoint the following Friends as representatives to the Quaterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held 11th Month 5th, 1938.

Annie R. Chase, Cecil E. Pearson, Mary A. Darvey (not presen

The Queries were read at this time.

Taken from the minute of Swansea Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10th Month, 10th, 1938.

Laura B. Aydelott
Clerk.

Rhode Island.

We submit for your approval the following names of Friends to be re appointed elders for three years Mary W. Macomber and Alice R. Jackson.

This Meeting approved the above nominations.

Swansea,

The following Friends are appointed as Elders for three years: Henry J. Harvey, Annie R. Chace, Laura B. Aydelott, Alice F. Pope was appointed for one year to fill the unexpired term of Marianna A. Chace. These names are forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for its approval. The Meeting was united in approving the above appointments.

Word was received that our aged Friend Charles Estes died this morning at East Providence R.I. in his ninetieth year.

The Clerk was directed to send a letter to his family expressing the sympathy of the meeting.

Edward and Marion Kelsey were acceptably present.

The Committee on nominations proposed the following names of officers

Clerk Josephine H. Cove
Asst Clerk Marguerite S. Briggs

and they were appointed for one year.

The business having been concluded we adjourn purposing to meet in Providence R.I. in the 5th Month 1939 if the Lord permit.

Willis H. White
Clerk for the day

5th mo. 6th 1939.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence, R.I., 5/6th, 1939.

After a period of worship in quiet meditation and in vocal prayer, the records of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Representatives.

From accounts received from our monthly meeting on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:—

Rhode Island,
Isabell Treuax
Marguerite D. Briggs
Annie C. Sheridan
Archie E. Luther

Swansea,
Bertha L. Hathaway (not present)
Cecil E. Pearson
Annie R. Chase

East Greenwich,
No account received.

Providence,
No account has been received. Willis H. White has explained the oversight as being due to the appointment of a new clerk who doubtless has not understood this part of the clerk's office.

Names of representatives have been supplied as follows:—
Willis H. White
Josephine H. Carr
Mabel I. McManus
Elizabeth Estes

All representatives are present with

one exception.

Appointment of Elders. Providence M.M.

The meeting has agreed to confirm the reappointment of the following elders of Providence Monthly Meeting for a period of three years:

Emily S. White, Wm. Alden Brown,
Wm. H. Estes, Mabel I. MacManus.

Yearly Meeting Representatives.

Representatives to the Ministry and Oversight Meeting of the Yearly Meeting, to be held at Ocean Park, Me., 6th mo. 20th, are as follows:-

Elizabeth J. Trout
Archie E. Luther
Josephine H. Carr
Willis H. White
Emily S. White
Cecil E. Pearson

Committee on nominations.

A committee has been appointed to present nominations for clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting, to be brought forward to the next meeting, to be held at Portsmouth, R.I. in the 7th month. Annie E. Sherman and Willis H. White have been named for such a committee.

Tribute to Anna F. Brown.

E. Hannah Tucker has informed the meeting of the death and funeral of Hannah F. Brown, a minister of Greenwich Monthly Meeting. A tribute of appreciation was paid to her fragrant and faithful service. Quiet and unostentatious in spirit, her life was a consistent testimony to her living experience in her Lord and Savior, and her deep interest in the work of evangelism. She has "kept the faith" and finished the work which was given her to do, to the honor of His Name.

We have listened to the reading of the Queries.

James A. Corey, Yearly Meeting Supt. of Evangelism and Church Extension, is acceptably present.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet next at Portsmouth, R. I., in the eighth month, the Lord permitting.

Josephine H. Carr, Clerk.

8th mo., 5th, 1939.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8/5th/1939.

Following a worship season in which the fruit of the Spirit has been brought afresh to our minds and the abundant provision for every need in Christ, the records of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Only one Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has sent a report to this meeting. From the account received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives appointed to this meeting are:—

Representatives

Sarah M. Ward Marguerite D. Briggs
Alice R. Jackson Charlotte De Wall

Of these, three are present.

Names of the representatives from Swansea Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have been supplied as follows:—

Cecil E. Pearson
Laura B. Aydelott
Annie R. Chase

Only one of these is present.

From Providence, names have been supplied as follows:—

Josephine H. Carr
Mabel D. MacManus
Emily S. White
Wm. H. Estes.

Three are present.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report attendance with two exceptions.

The committee on nominations have brought in the following names of officers for this meeting:—

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.
Marguerite D. Briggs, Ass't. clerk.

These nominations have been approved, and they are appointed to serve for the coming year.

The Queries have been read and commented upon.

We appreciate the attendance of Abram C. Goddard and other friends from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet next at Swansea in the Eleventh Month, if the Lord permits.

Josephine H. Carr, Clerk.

Eleventh Month 4th 1939

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh month 4, 1939.

After a period of worship the records of the records of the meeting held at Portsmouth, R. I. Eighth month 5th 1939 have been read and approved

From accounts received from the Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:-

Rhode Island;
Alice R. Jackson
John F. Chase, Jr.
Isabell Truax
Marguerite D. Briggs
Two are present

Providence;
Mabel I. McManus
Josephine H. Carr
Willis H. White
William W. Estes
Three present and one absent because of sickness.

Swansea;
No report received.

The Queries have been read.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is united in the re-appointment of Susan R. Trout and Sarah M. Ward as Elders for three years. This meeting approves and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

We appreciate the attendance and fellowship with us today of James A. Coney, Yearly Meeting Evangelisti Superintendent and Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting

The following report from the Clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been received with interest and appreciation;

"It was thought that Friends would be interested to know that two so-called "Quaker Broadcasts" have been given in Providence from Station W J A R. They were given at the invitation of the Greater Providence Federation of Churches.

The first broadcast took place 3rd month, 25th 1939. The musical theme was "Jesus the Light of the World". James Coney sang "Sunrise Tomorrow". Harold N. Tollefson, of Woonsocket Meeting gave the message drawing many interesting illustrations, from science and nature, regarding the light of the sun and the reflection of light. He applied this to the world's need of spiritual light and our responsibility to be clear mediums of transmission. Josephine H. Carr of Saylesville Meeting offered prayer.

The second broadcast took place Seventh Month 12th 1939, Josephine H. Carr of Saylesville offered prayer.

'Harold N. Tollefson sang, "In the Secret of His Presence". In his message, he gave a brief exposition of the one hundred thirty ninth Psalm. After David's imprecation against the enemies, he prays to be delivered from every evil way and thought. So, as Friends, we must guard our emotions and thoughts lest bitterness and enmity destroy our Christian attitude of peace and love. In these days of strife, we need to pray as David did, "Search me - try me - know me." At both broadcasts, Josephine H. Carr played the piano. Interesting letters have been received from persons in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts as well as from local points and requests have come in from Friends asking for more of such services.

William Alden Brown Clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight"

James A. Coney has brought to us an interesting account of the conference just concluded at Portsmouth

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet next at Providence Fifth Month 4th 1940 if the Lord permits

Archie E. Luther
Clerk for the day.

Fifth Month 4th., 1940.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence, R. I., 5 mo. 4th., 1940.

After a period of waiting upon God, both silently and vocally, the records of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Repre-sentatives. From accounts received from our Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:-

From Providence:-
Willis H. White
Wm. W. Estes
Josephine H. Carr
Mabel I. MacManus ×
All are present except one.

From Swansea:-
Cornelia P. Lockwood ×
Cecil E. Pearson
Annie R. Chase
Daniel P. Shore ×
All present except two.

From Rhode Island:-
Alice R. Jackson
Marguerite Briggs
Susan Trout
Archie E. Luther
All are present.

Appointment of Elders. Swansea Monthly Meeting presents the following names for appointment as elders, to serve for three years:-

Swansea.
Alice F. Pope
Mary Simmons
A. Homer Skinner

Cornelia P. Skinner, to fill the unexpired term of Emma S. Hathaway. These names have been approved. This appointment should have been made in the 11th month, but was not so done, on account of delay in receiving.

Providence. The list of elders named by Providence Monthly Meeting is not at hand. The names of Louisa White and Philip C. Gifford have been supplied and these have been approved by this meeting.

Nominating Committee. A committee consisting of Archie E. Luther and Willis H. White has been named to serve as a nominating committee, to bring forward names for clerk and asst. clerk for this meeting, to report at Portsmouth, R. I. in the 8th month.

The following communication has been received from Providence local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

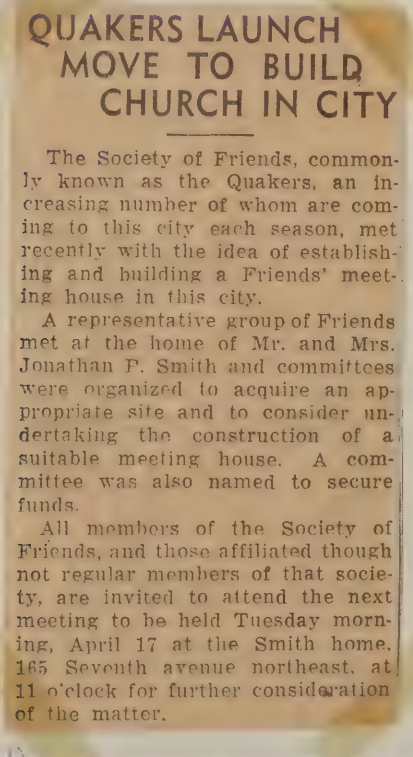
Report from Providence M. & O. Meeting. "At the meeting on Ministry & Oversight held 4th mo., 25th, 1940 at Providence, R. I., it was brought to our attention that another "Quaker Broadcast" was given over WJAR on 4th mo., 18th. Harold V. Lollifern gave a message based on J. Wilhelm Rountree's prayer: "Lay upon us the burden of the world's suffering". He said that Christians should be the ones who are thus sharing and helping lift the burdens. If we have the message of love and sympathy, and if we are in touch with the source of help, we must help those who suffer.

Friends are endeavoring to do this all over the needy world.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Chester Andrews of Saylesville, R. I. Prayer was offered by Josephine A. Carr and accompaniments played.

A preaching mission is to be held at Saylesville Meeting by James A. Coney, 5th mo. 5th through 10th, with a service every evening at 7:30 P.M.

It was gratifying to learn from the attached clipping from St. Petersburg Fla., that Friends are planning to build a meetinghouse in that city.



QUAKERS LAUNCH MOVE TO BUILD CHURCH IN CITY

The Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers, an increasing number of whom are coming to this city each season, met recently with the idea of establishing and building a Friends' meeting house in this city.

A representative group of Friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Smith and committees were organized to acquire an appropriate site and to consider undertaking the construction of a suitable meeting house. A committee was also named to secure funds.

All members of the Society of Friends, and those affiliated though not regular members of that society, are invited to attend the next meeting to be held Tuesday morning, April 17 at the Smith home, 165 Seventh avenue northeast, at 11 o'clock for further consideration of the matter.

Memorial to Annie C. Sherman.

Rhode Island local meeting on Ministry and Oversight presents the following memorial to our late friend and worker, Annie C. Sherman:

"Annie C. Sherman, daughter of the late Robert A. and Margaret H. Sherman, passed away at the Newport Hospital in Newport, R. I., on 2nd month 21st, 1945, in the

72nd year of her life.

She had been ill less than one week with a serious throat trouble because of a severe cold.

Her birthplace was at Portsmouth, R.I.

She was a recorded minister of the Society of Friends but had filled no pastorates. The writer recalls some of her messages which were both encouraging and searching, as needed, in specific instances. R.I. Monthly Meeting and Newport Particular Meeting have sustained a great loss in her home-going. She was clerk of the former, and Bible School Supt. of the latter, and held other important offices at the time of her death, all of which responsibilities she sought to discharge faithfully.

She was very pronounced in her belief in the authority of God's word. The value of her teaching along spiritual lines, as well as of other school subjects in her private day school in Portsmouth, cannot be estimated.

Her personal testimonies revealed her assurance of having been "accepted in the Beloved". Her hope was "built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psa. 116:15.

The Queries have been read and considered.

No further business appearing, we-adjourn, purposing to meet at Portsmouth, R. I., in the 8th mo., if the Lord wills.

Josephine H. Carr,
Clerk.

8th mo. 3rd, 1940.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8mo. 3rd, 1940.

After prayer for God's blessing and guidance upon the services and the work of the day, the records of the last meeting, held in the fifth month at Providence, have been read and approved.

From accounts received from the monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following have been named as representatives: —

Representatives.

From Providence, —
Mabel I. MacManus,
Wm. J. Estes,
Harold H. Myers,
Willis H. White.
All are present except one.

From Swansea, —
Daniel P. Shore,
Mary A. Harvey,
Carnelia P. Lockwood.
All are present except one.

From Rhode Island, —
Walter F. Chase, Jr.
Charlotte De Ware.
Alice Jackson & Archie E. Luther
All present except one.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting.

The following representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, all report their attendance:-

Elizabeth J. Trout,
Josephine H. Carr,
Willis H. White,
Emily S. White,
Archie E. Luther.

Officers for next year.

The committee appointed in the sixth month to bring forward nominations for clerk and assistant clerk for this meeting, report as follows:—

Clerk, Josephine H. Carr,
Asst. Clerk, Marguerite D. Briggs.

The meeting approves these nominations and they are appointed to serve for the coming year.

Providence local meeting on Ministry and Oversight has presented the following items taken from the records of that meeting:—

Tribute to Archibald Renfrew.

"Archibald Gray Renfrew died at his home in Saylesville, R. I., on July 8, 1940, after a long period of failing health. He was born in Scotland, Oct. 7, 1868, but came to Saylesville, R. I., as a young man. He was received into membership in 1893. For many years he served faithfully as caretaker of the meeting-house and cemetery. He was for several years an elder in Providence Monthly Meeting. He was a constant attender at church services as long as health permitted. His life was characterized by faithfulness to duty."

Sixty members have been received

into the Sayesville meeting on confession of Faith.

The Queries have been thoughtfully read.

Elizabeth J. Trout has presented the need and grave responsibility of Christians to pray as never before in this time of national crises, calling attention to God's faithfulness in intervention at various periods in the world's history. Above all things, we need earnest repentance as a condition for prevailing prayer. Friends must bear their witness and fill their place of responsibility.

Josephine H. Carr stressed the conditions which God will surely meet today, as expressed in the promise found in 2 Chron. 7 14:— "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Archie E. Luther quoted the words, "It is required of a steward that he be found faithful." He made a strong application of this truth to the Society of Friends, from past history. He told us that we need to recapture the same vitality of religious experience in our present day testimony.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet nexin the eleventh month at So. Somerset, [Swansea,] Mass., the Lord permitting.

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.

11th mo. 2nd, 1940.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at South Somerset, Mass., 11 mo./2nd., 1940.

After a period of silent prayer, the records of the last meeting have been read and approved.

From accounts received from the monthly meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:-

Representatives. From R.I. — John F. Chace, Jr. x
Charlotte De Vore
Isabelle Truax x

All are present except one.

From Providence, — Wm. H. Estes
Emily S. White x
Maud I. MacNamee
Josephine H. Carr

All are present except one.

From Swansea, — Annie R. Chace
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Mary A. Harvey x

All are present except one.

Elders. (Swansea)

Swansea Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presents the following names to serve as elders for the period of three years, -

Mary A. Harvey,
Cornelia P. Lockwood,
Nathan Chace.

This meeting has approved, and Swansea Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with their appointment.

Elders
(R.I.)

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting submits the following names to serve as elders for three years, -

John F. Chace, Jr.,
Archie E. Luther,
Charlotte De Ware,
Edwin K. Trout.

These names have also been approved and R.I. Monthly Meeting will be so informed.

The Queries have been read. Abram C. Goddard has spoken to us on encouraging freedom of expression in our services of worship, on the part of all believers. Archie E. Luther also emphasizes this freedom and privilege. We need to remind our meetings of the high calling of all Christians into the priesthood of believers.

James A. Coney has informed us that the committee which was appointed to bring forward suggestions for the revision of the discipline at the Five Years Meeting is to be continued for further study of the matter. He recommends that a meeting of the Ministry and Oversight meeting of the Quarterly Meeting should be called at some central place, to carefully go over our discipline in conference together. If we have any changes to suggest or any recommendations to make, these should be sent on to

Lindley M. Binford, clerk of the Yearly Meeting. Among possible changes suggested have been the dropping of our pastoral committees and the reviving and enlarging of the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight. If we do not desire any change to be made, this fact should also be expressed to our Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Com. on Study of the Discipline.

A committee has been named and approved, to make arrangements for such a meeting, consisting of,-

Josephine H. Carr,
Elizabeth J. Trout,
Archie E. Luther,
Cornelia P. Lockwood.

We have been privileged to have present with us James A. Corey, our Yearly Meeting General Superintendent, Abram C. Goddard of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and Harold Kuhn who is serving as pastor of the meeting at Allen's Neck, Mass.

The meeting concludes, purposing to meet next at Providence, R. I., in the fifth month, if the Lord permit.

Josephine H. Carr, Clerk.

5th mo., 3rd, 1941.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence, R.I., 5/3/1941.

During the worship period, prayers were offered by James A. Coney, Josephine H. Carr and Willis H. White.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:—

Representtives.

Rhode Island:—
Marguerite Briggs
Susan R. Trott
Alice R. Jackson ×
Archie E. Luther.
All are present except one.

Providence:—
Josephine H. Carr.
Wm. Alden Brown
Mabel L. MacManus
Wm. B. Estes.
All are present.

Swansea:—
Cornelia P. Lockwood
Cecil E. Pearson
Mary A. Harvey
Annie R. Chase
Only one is present. Excuses have been given for three.

Elders -Providence. Providence Monthly Meeting has approved the reappointment of the following elders, to serve for the period of three years:—

Louisa White
Helen T. Gifford
Josephine H. Carr

This meeting has approved of their appointment, and Providence Monthly Meeting will be so informed.

Yearly Meeting Representatives.

The following are named as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, to be held at Ocean Park, Maine, 6/24th/1941 at 4 P.M.:—

Archie E. Luther
Willis H. White
Josephine H. Carr
Elizabeth J. Trout.

Tribute to Thos. Y. Jackson.

Josephine H. Carr was appointed by Providence local meeting on Ministry and Oversight to prepare a tribute to the late Thomas Y. Jackson of Saylesville. The following sketch of his life and work was read and the meeting unites in requesting that it be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting and presented there, and included in these minutes.

Thomas Yates Jackson.

Thomas Yates Jackson was born May 31, 1844 at Burnley, Lancashire, England, the son of John and Sarah Hargreaves Jackson. He came to America in 1870 and first settled in Valley Falls, R. I. Five years later, he located in Limerock, Saylesville. A stone-mason by trade, he laid the first stone for the Berkeley Mills in 1872. He was recorded a minister and served Saylesville Meeting with devotion for over forty years. He started a Sunday School with seven children and was always deeply interested in children's work. By his labors, the gallery was made into five suitable classrooms.

He was a man of gentle and sympathetic spirit, ready to encourage and always leaving the impress of optimism and cheer.

His mind was a storehouse of poetry in which he always delighted.

After a week's illness, he quietly "fell on sleep" on Sunday evening, April 20th, at the age of 96 yrs., 11 mos.

He is survived by four children, 27 grandchildren and great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Saylesville Meetinghouse on April 23rd, and were largely attended. Josephine H. Carr, Harold D. Tollefson, Willis H. White and John C. Gilbert took part in the service.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Nominating Committee.

We appoint the following as a nominating committee to present names for clerk and assistant clerk for this meeting, to report at the meeting in the 8th month at Portsmouth:—

Willis H. White
Archie E. Luther

We have listened to the reading of the Queries.

James A. Coney, General Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting, and recently returned from Jamaica, B. W. I., is present with us. He suggests that we consider prayerfully the matter of the selection of a Clerk for the Yearly Meeting. He has also advised us to hold another special meeting on Ministry and Oversight for the consideration of the Discipline. One meeting has already been held on April 5th at Moses Brown School.

Eleven members have been present.

The meeting then adjourned, purposing to meet next at Portsmouth, R. I., the Lord permitting.

Josephine H. Carr, Clerk.

8th mo., 2nd, 1941.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portsmouth, R. I., 8 mo./2nd/1941:—

A devotional period, during which vocal prayer was offered by Elizabeth J. Trout, was followed by the reading of the records of the last meeting. These met with the approval of the meeting.

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are as follows:—

Representatives.

Rhode Island:—

Alice R. Jackson Charlotte De Hare
Nilsine Tollefson Isabelle Truax

All are present except one.

Providence:-

Josephine H. Carr Harold H. Myers
Emily S. White Willis H. White
Mabel I. MacManus.

Three are absent.

Swansea:-

Cecil E. Pearson A. Homer Skinner
Annie R. Chace Cornelia P. Lockwood

All are present except one.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight were present with one exception.

Officers for next year.

The nominating committee presents the following names for officers of this meeting for the next year:-

Clerk, - Josephine H. Carr
Asst. Clerk, - Marguerite D. Briggs

The meeting approves their appointment.

The Queries have been thoughtfully read.

Willis H. White has emphasized the need for a greater sense of personal responsibility in participation in our meetings, also the importance of Christian influence in the home.

Elizabeth J. Trout has told us that the world is wrong and the church is to blame. With vital Christianity prevailing, such chaos could not exist. Christ must have the mastery in our hearts, for only He can speak to the needs of the suffering world.

Marguerite D. Briggs tells us of a manifestation of the Spirit which occurred in a meeting of earlier years.

God is just as willing to bless us today, if we are in touch with Him.

James A. Coney referred to an elderly couple, facing the close of life, without faith in Christ, but apparently at ease and satisfied. Multitudes exist about us with no spiritual vision, with hearts untouched. The apathy of the church is enabling the forces of sin to continue. Christians must have an awakened zeal and make sacrifices to release the power of God to save others.

Archie E. Luther has brought the thought that the self-satisfied soul is living on the mere animal plane, with the spiritual nature undeveloped. How shall such be awakened except as we are alive, and obedient channels of the Spirit?

Twenty-one are present, of whom thirteen are members of this meeting.

We are glad for the presence with us of James A. Coney and Elsie F. Coney, also a group of Friends from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

After a profitable period of worship and discussion, we adjourn, to meet next at South Somerset, Mass., in the eleventh month, the Lord permitting.

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.

11th month, 1st, 1941.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at South Somerset, Mass., 11/1st/1941:—

The meeting was opened by prayers offered for Divine blessing and guidance upon the services of the day.

Minutes of the last ~~monthly~~ meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received from our local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are as follows:—

Representatives.

Rhode Island:—

×Isabelle F. Truax, ×Charlotte De Ware,
Alice R. Jackson, ×John F. Chace, Jr.

Only one of whom is present, but excuses are offered for two.

Providence,—

Josephine H. Carr, Harald W. Myers,
Wm. W. Estes, Willis H. White,
Emily S. White.

All are present.

Swansea,—

Cornelia P. Lockwood, Mary A. Harvey,
×Cecil E. Pearson, Annie R. Chace.

All present except one, for whom excuse was given.

Elders

Swansea Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presents the following names to serve as elders for the coming three years:—

Laura B. Aydelott,
Henry J. Harvey,
Annie R. Chase.

The meeting unites with these nominations, and Swansea Local Meeting on

Ministry and Oversight will be so informed.

Rhode Island Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presents the names of Alice R. Jackson and Dorothy Merchant to serve as elders for three years. These names have been approved and Rhode Island Local Meeting will be notified of this action.

The Queries have been read and considered.

Willis H. White has brought to our attention certain facts and figures regarding church attendance in America. Only about one-fourth of the population of the United States attends church of any kind.

Harold V. Myers has expressed the thought that laxness in discipline leads to mental and moral decline. The Queries call attention to faithfulness to meetings for discipline as well as for worship.

Archie E. Luther speaks of the various bases for loyalty in Church attendance. True loyalty is not outward, but the inward attitude of the heart.

Alice R. Jackson and Susan Trout have spoken of the importance of family influence in the early guidance of children in forming the habit of church attendance on the Lord's day. Lack of home training and example by parents is the chief reason for this decadence in attendance among Protestants.

Fifteen members are present.

The business being concluded, we adjourn to meet next in Providence, in the fifth month, the Lord willing. Josephine H. Carr, Clerk.

5th mo., 2nd, 1942.

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Providence, R. I., 5-2nd-1942.

After a time of silent waiting upon the Lord, the records of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are as follows:—

Representatives. Rhode Island,—
Susan R. Trout   Alice R. Jackson
x John G. Chase, Jr.   Marguerite D. Griggs
All are present except one.

Providence;—
Wm. B. Estes   Wm. Alden Brown
Josephine H. Carr   Emily S. White
All are present.

Swansea;—
Cornelia P. Lockwood   Dorothy F. Williamson
Mary A. Harvey   Daniel P. Shove x
All are present except one.

Yearly Mtg. Representatives The following are named as our representatives to the Yearly meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—
Elizabeth J. Trout   Willis H. White
P. Josephine H. Carr   Alice R. Jackson
Mary A. Harvey

Nominating Committee A nominating committee has been named to bring forward names for clerk and assistant clerk for this meeting:—
Willis H. White and Cornelia P. Lockwood.

Willis H. White has called attention to the experience of Peter. After a night of failure and discouragement, came his morning of greatest success when he obeyed the Master's word and brought in the great draught of fishes. Sometimes the period of discouragement may be the turning-point that leads to greater service.

James A. Coney, our Yearly Meeting General Superintendent, is present with us. He reports that the proposed new revised discipline has been put into print. The clerk is advised to send for a copy and to call a meeting at some future time for the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to study this matter. It is hoped that James A. Coney may arrange to be with us when this meeting is held.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet next at Portsmouth, R.I., 8-1st-1942. 14 members are present.

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.

8-1st-1942.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portsmouth, R.I., 8/1st/42.

After prayer by the clerk, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are:—

Representatives.

Rhode Island,— Alice R. Jackson, Dorothy Millham, Charlotte DeWare, Isabelle Truax, of whom all are present.

Providence,— P. Josephine H. Carr, Giles H. White, Harold W. Myers, Emily S. White, P. Wm. W. Estes, two of whom are present.

Swansea,— P. Mary A. Harvey, Daniel F. Shove, Dorothy F. Williamson,— one is present.

Only one of our representatives reports attendance at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

No member of the Nominating Committee is present and no report is at hand. The same committee was continued.

The clerk reports having received a copy of the proposed new discipline. A meeting of the members of this meeting will be called together at the Friends Center in Providence at some future time when James A. Corey can be present.

The queries have been read.

Josephine H. Carr has read Peter's exhortations to elders and overseers, found in 1 Peter 5^{1-5}. Peter calls himself, "a fellow-elder". Feed the flock of God committed to your care; be shepherds of God's flock,— faithful examples, of humble spirit, exercising oversight with readiness of mind, and other timely admonitions are given.

Elizabeth J. Trout followed, with an exhortation to steadiness before a troubled world. Are we not called to show the keeping power of Christ in just such a time as this? This is our wonderful day of opportunity for Christian witnessing.

We welcome the presence of Lyra T. Wolkins of Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Nine members are present.

The meeting then adjourned to meet next at So. Somerset, Mass., in the 11th mo.

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.

11th mo., 7th, 1942.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at So. Somerset, Mass., 11th 7th 1942:—

Prayer was offered by the clerk, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following have been named as representatives to this meeting:—

Representatives,

Rhode Island, — Susan R. Trout, Alice P. Jackson, Dorothy E. Milham, Marguerite D. Briggs.
(All are present.)

Providence, — Willis H. White, Josephine H. Carr, Emily S. White, Wm. W. Estes,
(of whom all are present except one.)

Swansea, — Mary A. Harvey, Daniel P. Shove, Cornelia P. Lockwood, Dorothy F. Williamson, (of whom all are present.)

Elders.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting presents the following Friends to serve as elders for three years, — Sara M. Ward,
Susan R. Trout.

This meeting has approved their appointment, and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting will be so informed.

Providence Monthly Meeting presents the names of the following to serve as elders for three years:—

Wm. Alden Brown
Emily S. White
Josel Todd

Their appointment has been approved and Providence Monthly Meeting will be instructed to proceed with their appointment.

Swansea Monthly Meeting presents the following Friends to serve as elders for the coming three years:—

Alice F. Pope,
Mary Simons,
A. Homer Skinner.

This meeting unites in their appointment and Swansea Monthly Meeting will be so informed.

Nominating Committee. Officers named.

The Nominating Committee which was continued from the last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, suggests the following names as officers for this meeting:—

Clerk, Dorothy F. Williamson,
Asst. clerk, Marguerite D. Briggs.

The queries have been read.

Alvans C. Goddard has centered our attention upon the chief essential of Christian service,—the winning of souls to Christ.

Lillie H. White reminded us of the abiding influence of Obadiah Chace, and his life of faithfulness to duty.

Susan R. Trout has emphasized the one foundation of Christian experience,—Christ's own word, "Ye must be born again."

Temperance material sent out by the Yearly Meeting Committee on Moral Education has been brought to our attention by the clerk.

Alvans C. Goddard has presented literature appropriate for the use of Peace Committees.

James A. Corey, General Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting, and Alvans C. Goddard, a minister of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Norman E. Grafton, minister of Newport Meeting, and Morgan Kinney, who is supplying Swansea Meeting, are all acceptably present.

Eleven members are in attendance.

Josephine H. Carr, clerk.

5th mo. 1st, 1943

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight, held at Providence, R.I. 5th mo., 1st., 1943

Records of the last meeting were read & appr.

From accounts recieved from the monthly meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following representatives have been appointed to this meeting:-

Representatives From Rhode Island,-

Dorothy Millward
Alice R. Jackson
Susan R. Trout
Elizabeth J. Trout
all are present.

From Providence,-

Josephine H. Carr
Willis H. White
Helen T. Gifford
x Rose Todd
Emily S. White
Harold W. Myers
all are present except one.

From Swansea,-

Dorothy F. Williamson
x Mary A. Harvey
x Cornelia P. Lockwood
of whom two are absent

The following were named as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:-

Josephine H. Carr
Helen T. Gifford
Willis H. White
Emily S. White

The Queries have been read.

Willis H. White has called attention to an article in the British Friend in regard to the military operations of the present time. War-Bond appeals are appearing which stir the depths of human brutality. The ancient story of Esther reveals the same spirit of hatred and slaughter from which the soul of Esther recoile People of all nations share in the same emotio for good or for ill. We ~~are~~ all share in the blame for the present world situation. Are Friends awake to the terribleness of the situation?

Dorothy F. Williamson called attention to the problems of young people, which are greatly increased in these days. More young people are without proper places for spending their leisure time. Are the churches taking advantage of these extra opportunities for reaching and holding these young people? She spoke of the need for supervised recreation and the greater responsibility for the churchs' leadership, that Christian influences may reach and hold our youth in these times of moral laxness.

Thirteen members are present.

We appreciate the presence with us of James A. Coney, General Supt. of the Yearly Meeting, Norman Frafton of Newport Meeting, and Arthu Lantmier of Lynn Meeting.

We conclude to meet next at Portsmout R.I. 8th mo., 7th, if the Lord wills.

Josephine H. Carr
(clerk for the day)
(recorded by D. F. Williamson)

8th Mo. 7th 1943

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight held at Portsmouth, R.I. 8th mo 7th, 1943

A period of waiting upon the Lord was held. with vocal prayer being offered by Dorothy Williamson and Elizabeth Trout.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

From accounts received from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight it appears that the representatives to this meeting are as follows:-

Rhode Island

Representative Charlotte Dewane
Susan R. Trout
Dorothy Milham
Alice Jackson
of whom all are present

Providence

Willis H. White
Emily S. White
Louisa White
of whom all are present

Swansea

Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F. Williamson
~~Louisa~~ Mary A. Harvey
of whom all are present

Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 6 mo report all attended.

The Queries were read at this time.

Nominating Committe A Nominating committee of Dorothy Milham and Cornelia Lockwood has been named to bring forward the names for clerk and asst. clerk for this meeting

Committee retired to meet and brought the names of Dorothy F. Williamson clerk and Marguerite Briggs asst. Clerk which meet the approval of the meeting

There are 13 members present, there being no other business we adjourn to meet in So Somerset 11th mo. if the Lord wills.

Dorothy F. Williamson clerk

11th 6th 1943

at the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at. So. Somerset. Mass 11th mo 6th day

After a brief period of silent waiting on the Lord the records of the last meeting were read and appr.

Representatives From accounts received from the monthly meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the representati to this meeting are from

Rhode Island - Susan R. Trout
Isabelle Truax
Dorothy E Milham
Alice A. Jackson (a)

all are present except one

Providence - Willis H. White
Emily S. White
Louisa White

all are present

Swansea - Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F. Williamson
Daniel P. Shore (a)

all are present except one

Elders - Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight present the following names to serve as Elders for a period of three Years. - Nathan Chace
Mary E. Harvey
Cornelia P. Lockwood

also the name of Sidney L. Hathaway Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Annie R. Chace. This meeting has approved these names and Swansea Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed with the appointment.

The Meeting also approves the appointment of the elders for three years sent in by the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, they being:- Charlotte Dewar and
Edwin R Trout

the clerk will so inform Rhode Island Meeting.

The Queries were read at this time and the second query caused Norman Trafton to express his concern, "are we having an earnest religious exercise for the conversion of sinners"? This was Jesus purpose - and should be ours to convert sinners and to the building up of believers. If we fail in this are we really fulfilling our existance. We sometimes stress other things to the exclusion of this great purpose.

Willis H White expresses a deep sense of gratitude for His blessings. Failure to recognize the gratitude we owe for the blessings we have, He feels to be one of our many weaknesses.

Attention has been called to the meeting by the clerk on the lack of reports from our Monthly Meetings as to the Spiritual Conditions of these meetings. Feeling deeply that we are the losers because of this lack. The hope was expressed that the meetings might feel the concern to share their experiences with the others in written or vocal reports.

The suggestion of Norman Trafton that one person be responsible for a Spiritual Report from each Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight as to the Spiritual Condition of that Meeting and to report to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has met with the full approval of this meeting. The clerk is directed to notify the meetings of this matter.

Alone with God is where things work out is the thought expressed by Susan Trout. Daily prayer and meditation upon the word of God will give us something to pass on to others. If we pray in the Holy Ghost. She is glad to report answer to prayer.

[illegible] Richardson a visitor related an experience in Christ. Feeding on the word and feeling the glow of the Heavenly Spirit will fill us so we may witness for Him.

There were 15 members present and we enjoyed the fellowship of others who joined us.

The business coming before us having been completed we adjourn purposing to meet in Providence fifth month, if the Lord permits.

Dorothy G. Williamson
Clerk.

5th ~~month~~ 6th Day 1944

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence R.I. on 5th mo 6th 1944

after a period of worship in quiet meditat and vocal prayers:-

The minutes of the last meeting were read and ap

From accounts received from our monthly

Representatives meetings on Ministry and Oversight it appears that Representatives to this meeting are:-

Rhode Island - Alice R. Jackson
Marguerite Briggs
Susan R. Trout
~~Elizabeth J. Trout~~
Dorothy Wilkham ×

all present except one

Swansea Daniel P. Shore ×
Dorothy F. Williamson
Sidney L. Hathaway Jr.

of which one is present

Providence

Willis White
Wm. Estes
Helen Gifford
Mabel McManus

Prov. Elders. all are present

This meeting has agreed to confirm the appoint of the following Elders of Prov. Monthly Meeting for a period of three years.

Willis H. White
Philip C. Gifford
Archibald J. Renfrew Jr.

Representatives Yearly Meeting Representatives to the Ministry and Oversights Meeting to be held at Ocean Park, Me. 6th month are as follows - Helen T. Gifford
Willis H. White
Emily S. White
Dorothy F. Williamson

a committee has been appointed to present nominations for the office of clerk and asst clerk of this meeting, to be brought forward at the next meeting in Portsmouth. R. I. This committee being

Wm. W Estes
Susan R. Trout.

We have listened to the reading of the Queries. Willis H. White spoke of a visit to Anna Tucker who has just passed her 90th birthday, and has mentioned her wonderful usefulness to the Lord's work and also, of the fall she received lately and the clerk is directed to send greetings from this meeting.

Saylesville reports a larger attendance for morning, evening and prayer meetings also of the attendance at Young People's Meetings.

Newport feels the Lord is working with them and holds services in the jail, also street corner services, and some at the home for the aged. Norman Trafton has services for boys and they feel the work and prayers of individuals and the tract work is showing results among many of the service men.

Lincoln has no advance to record, but hopes to regain lost ground in prayer meetings and other services.

Portsmouth has seen no slipping of ground but a deepening of blessing found in the services conducted. Sanctification has been seen by public acknowledgement of blessing. Morning and Evening services are held, with Intercessory services.

Providence has substantial group meetings and a small mid week meeting. Bible Classes and many more young people who take part in the morning worship.

John Westine and Wesley R. Gadot were acceptably present.

There being no further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet next at Portsmouth R. I. in the 8th mo the Lord permitting

Dorothy F. Williamson
(clerk)

8th month 5th Day 1944

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Portsmouth, R. I. in the 8th month 5th day 1944.

A period of meditation was held.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and appr.

From accounts received from the local meetings it appears that representatives to this meeting are:-

Representatives

Rhode Island - Marguerite Briggs
Charlotte Dewane
Alice R. Jackson
Dorothy Millham

all are present.

Providence - William W. Estes
Willis H. White
Millicent S. Foster x

of which 2 are present

Swansea - Dorothy F. Williamson
Daniel P. Shore x
Laura B. Adeylot x

one is present

There are 7 representatives present.

Reports of Representatives to Yearly Meeting

Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report all attended but one.

Willis H. White reported good attendance and great feeling of fellowship, despite cold weather.

Philip C. Gifford gave a good account of the organization plans for the Combined Yearly Meeting to be held in the spring.

Nominating Committee Report

The committee on nominations have brought in the following names

Dorothy F. Williamson - Clerk
Marguerite Briggs - Asst. Clerk

These nominations are approved and they are appointed to serve for the coming year.

The Queries were read and commented up

It was brought to our attention that Norman Trafton, pastor of Newport Meeting, took part in a panel discussion, during one of the evening meetings at Yearly Meeting. He spoke on the subject of the Religious Basis of Friends Teachings on Peace.

We appreciate the attendance of Alvanse C. Goddard who spoke on the pleasure of United Fellowship and yet the ability to work individually. The relationship of God and man in prayer and the sharing of it, being a great
2 necessity.

Parts of the minutes of the year 1912 and 13 were read and considered.

No other business coming before us we conclude to meet in Swansea 11th month if the Lord permits.

Dorothy F. Williamson
clerk.

11th Month 4th 1944

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at So. Somerset, Mass. 11th mo 4th day 1944

a brief worship service was held after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received the representatives from the local meetings on ministry & Oversight to this meeting are:-

Representatives Prov. - William W. Estes
Elizabeth Foster
Philip C. Gifford - all are present
Rhode Island - Eliz. J. Trout
Susan R. Trout
alice R. Jackson
Dorothy Millham all are present

Swansea - Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy Williamson
Mary A. Harvey - all are present

Making 10 representatives present and the enjoyable fellowship of others was noted.

Elders

Rhode Island presents the names of the following Friends to serve as Elders for 3 yrs.

Alice R. Jackson
Dorothy Millham

This meeting approves their appointment and R.I. Meeting will be so informed.

Swansea Monthly Meeting presents the names of Henry J. Harvey, Laura B. Adylot and Bertha Hathaway to serve as Elders for 3 yrs. This meeting unites in their appointment and Swansea meeting will be so notified.

No written report from Providence having been received we will await a correspondence from them on the appointment of Elders.

The Queries were read and considered.

Alvano C. Goddard told us that we are working world. What is man he asked, Man is the unfinished kingdom of God, also His most wonderful channel of revelation, and only thru man can ~~he~~ finish and build His Kingdom.

Norman Trafton feels we should be interested in the building up of the spiritual condition of our meetings and the thought was expressed that we should be interested in our communities and the individual. The field is the whole world. The Lord Jesus warned his own that they should be mindful of the high calling and not to lose touch with him.

After a profitable period of discussion and worship we adjourn to meet next at Prov. 5th mo. if the Lord permits.

Dorothy F. Williamson cler

5th Mo. 5th Day 1945

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Prov. R.I. 5th mo. 5th day 1945

a prayer service was held

The records of the last meeting was read & approved

From accounts received from the monthly meetings on Ministry & Oversight it appears that the following

Representatives representatives to this meeting are:-

Prov. - Henry H. Foster •
Willis H White
Mabel L. McManus
Philip C. Gifford ×
3 are present

Swansea. - Dorothy F. Williamson
Mary C Harvey
both are present

Portsmouth: - Isabel Truax
Susan R. Trout
Hattie Angle.
Alice R. Jackson
all are present

9 are present

Representatives to Yearly Meeting The following are named as representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Elizabeth J Trout
Dorothy F. Williamson
Willis H White

alternates named if the number of attendance to Yearly Meeting is limited and if not all may then attend. Mabel R. McManus and Dorothy Millham and Cornelia P. Lockwood.

The Queries were read at this time.

Providence present the following names to serve as Elders for their united meeting

1 Year - Millicent S. Foster
Willis H. White
Sarah N. Gallagher
Harold W. Myers.

2 Years. - Aliadia E. S. Whitmarsh
Henry C. Foster
Elizabeth M. Chace
Mabel L. McManus
William O. Foster
3 Years - H. Seymour Wiley
Elizabeth Foster
Louisa White
Anna Foster
Archibald L. Renfrew Jr.

This meeting approves these appointments and the clerk will so inform Prov. Monthly Meeting.

We note with appreciation the presence of James Cooney, Leslie Shauffer and John Westo

There being no other business at this time we adjourn, purposing to meet again in Portsmouth 8th mo. If the Lord permits.

The meeting unites in a closing tribute to the memory of our two Friends Wm. Estes and Emily S. White.

Tribute Wm. W. Estes having given his life of quiet and faithful service in his Lord's work has been called Home. Ever faithful in attendan he has given willing and helpful service to all our meetings. We shall miss his presence greatly

The loss of Emily S. White to our meeting is felt very deeply. Her joy in the presence of her Lord must be great however. Her life of patient helpfulness has been of benefit to us and will live on to add to her "Crown of Jewels" in her children and their families.

Dorothy F. Williamso

8th Mo. 4th 1945

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Portsmouth 8th mo 4th, 1945

The meeting united in prayer and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to this meeting from accounts received are. –

Swansea Dorothy Williamson, Daniel P. Shove Mary U Harvey Cornelia P. Lockwood. of whom 2 are present.

Prov. – Millicent Foster, Henry Foster and Philip Gifford. one is present

Rhode Island. – Harriet E. Angle, Dorothy Millham, Susan R. Frost, Marguerite Briggs all are present.

The Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report all attended. A brief report was given at this time.

A nominating committee of Alice R. Jackson and Philip Gifford have been appointed and requested to retire for the purpose of bringing forward ~~the~~ names for the office of Clerk and asst. clerk to this meeting

The committee appointed for that purpose submit the following names

Dorothy Williamson Clerk
Marguerite Briggs asst clerk

These are approved and are asked to serve in their respective stations

The Queries were read at this time.

We note with approval the attendance of James Cooney at this time.

He suggests the purchase of the Handbook for Elders and Overseers by the Quaker Hill Foundation the Book Store at Richmond Ind. Exchange price of 7 copies for $1.00

The London Friends have seen the greatest growth of the Spiritual Life ever thru the loss of their meeting houses. They are reaching back to the fundamentals of our Quaker Faith and are beginning to appreciate again and afresh, the need for a devotional life. The need for God and Christ; the glorification of what he did, and what he can be for the church and life. We might be grateful that what they have been thru has sent them to the very fundamentals for we Friends in America haven't suffered any where near as much should be upholding the suffering groups of the world. We should support them by our prayers, with material aid, and in any other way Friends can all over the world. James Corney continues with the statement He is sure God is waiting to use us and so bless us and make us a blessing.

Dorothy Milham states along with the concern expressed by Jas. Corney that we should express ourselves more in meeting, that such a concern had been troubling her and wishes prayers and divine help in all our transactions. A few words spoken in the spirit are as precious jewels in His sight.

The business having been concluded we adjourn to meet again in ~~November~~, 11th mo if the Lord wills.

Dorothy Williamson Clerk.

11th mo 3rd 1945

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Somerset 11th mo 3rd 1945

After a silent waiting upon the Lord prayer was offered.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received Representatives to this meeting appear

Swansea:- Cornelia P. Lockwood
Dorothy F. Williamson
Mary A. Harvey
Daniel P. Shove. ı
all are present except one.

Providence:- Louisa White
Millicent Foster x
Willis H. White
Philip C. Gifford x x
of whom 2 are present and illness account for one

Rhode Island:- Alice Jackson
Dorothy Millham
Marguerite Briggs
Elizabeth Trout
of whom all are present

9 Representatives are present ~~at~~ this meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight present the following names for Elders for three yrs. Alice F. Pope, Mary Simmons, A. Homer Shaw
This meeting approves their appointment.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight asks the approval of this meeting to the appointment of Susan R. Trout and Sarah M. Ward as Elders for three years.
This meeting approves their appointment.

The Queries were read at this time and James Cooney commented upon the third query.
He asked how many plan and pray for guidance for the day? Problems are rising every momen

and people with Christ in their hearts have expected it. War does not bring the peace. He quoted Whittier Hymn, and believes it possible to live in a confused world and yet know the Peace of God. A life guided by the Holy Spirit is an ordered life and should confess the beauty of his peace. This doesn't mean we will have a marvelous time thru life, but we may go on in a confused world and see ~~Him~~ arranging things for His purpose. The world would see this and want it and would come into the fellowship.

Our clerk confesses that she is apt to rely upon her own strength at times and says it soon is made known to her that she is out of step with Him. And feels the need of living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and asking in humbleness for His help and prayerfully endeavors to walk His path for His Peace is the reward for all who will.

Alvano Goddard says this meeting has been a place of fellowship, which has helped him. We must be willing to learn and trust he is with us to learn.

Norma Trafton feels that the problem we should have is not the individual peace in our hearts, but the witnessing of the truth and that the world looks at the group and not at the individual. So many times there is a division in the group and the outside world is conscious of this division. The confusion in the church only tends to add to the world's confusion. God is the head, and directing power and seeking Him individual will help the group. We should have no will of our own but all our will power used to direct our ways in His path. That we should have more love and unity and feels the great problems are not from without but from within. Alvance Goddard suggests a help would be 1st Corinthians 12 chapter.

Mary Harvey has been considering the discussion & feels that James Cooney gave the answer to Norman Trafton's concern. But how to make every one see this seems to be the problem to her.

John Westin suggests we use the same principle in this as we do when coming to God. He will cleanse and pardon us. Confession is good for the soul and if there is a disunity or a thorn in the flesh it has to be cut away and healed over, this can only be done by making it right in God's sight.

We would continue this discussion but time prevents our meeting longer. So we prayerfully close with this concern on our hearts and asking Him to help us in this and all matters.

We conclude to meet at Prov. 5th 1946 if the Lord wills.

Dorothy Williamson clerk

5th Mo 4th 1946

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Prov. R. I. 5th mo. 4th 1946 after a time of silent waiting upon the Lord the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received it appears that the Representatives to this meeting are as follows:-

Rhode Island - Dorothy Millham, Elizabeth Trout, Susan R. Trout and Alice Jackson. — all are present

Prov. - Philip C. Gifford, Sarah N. Gallagher, Elizabeth Foster, and Louisa White - of whom 2 are present

Swansea - Sussanah H. Lawton, Dorothy Williamson, and David P. Shove. - all present except one.

8 Representatives present at this time and enjoy the helpful fellowship of other friends.

Y.M. Representatives — The following friends are named as Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel from this meeting. Dorothy Williamson - Louisa White and Millicent Foster.

Nominating Committee — A nominating committee of Mary A. Harvey and Philip C. Gifford has been named at this time to bring forward at the next meeting the names for Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting

The Queries were read and considered.

Spiritual Cond. Report. — The reports of the Spiritual conditions of the local meetings were read at this time

Rhode Island — We are still conducting our meetings as in previous years. We belive there is no other salvation than through the blood of Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection we have just commenorated. The Lord "commandeth all men every where to repent" Act. 17-30. Certainly this is the only solution for the chaotic condition in the world today. Taken from the minutes of the R.I. Monthly Meeting held fourth mo. 24th. 1946

Prov. — (1) The Spiritual condition of Providence Monthly meeting seems to be generally a healthy one. The meetings for worship are a source of spiritual norishment to those who attend, and they are well attended. (*) The Quality of vocal ministry varies, but the quality of the silence is always high; quickening more and more as it deepens. I think there is a pleasant fellowship among the members with freedom from petty bickering. (2) The real growth of Spiritual life in our meeting is evidenced by the fact that so many different attenders feel unity with, and are drawn back by that hunger and thirst which we all must feel after to obtain the Heavenly Manna. Then as a matter of course, Spiritual life will increase still more in our meetings. (3) We belive there has spiritual growth in individual members and the whole meeting profits from the growth of the single individual. Some of our young people who are away have expressed a feeling of spiritual strength received in our meetings. It is important that they find our meeting a living religious force, whenever they return. (4) The growth of the meeting seems to be both intensive and extensive at the same time; as we have enlarged we have deepened. Several factors doubtless contribute to this wholesome condition chief of which may be a minimum of deliberate effort in behalf of the meeting. The growth appears to be natural and largely spontaneous. The all important fact, which is apparent to all, is the increased depth of the meeting, which means greater individual responsibility and more intense loyalty to the meeting and the various activities associated with it. - Taken from the individual reports submitted by members of the Meeting on Ministry and Council.

Swansea — Meetings for worship at Fall River are held every other First Day except during the Summer, in the Y.M.C.A. with a fair attendance. The meeting notes the presence of some who did not regularly attend heretofore. There is general participation in the worship and service of the meeting, and a marked willingness of those present to assume leadership. The service is spiritually helpful and is sometimes followed by a period of discussion. Visiting ministers have been present several times and their services have been acceptable. At Swansea attendance at the morning meeting for worship still remain the greatest problem. a spirit of co operation has still prevailed and the meeting has stood ready to cooperate in any need of the Community. Swansea again sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School which proved highly successful. The Missionary Society has reorganized and has performed an excellent work for six months. The giving in the meeting is in high proportion to the attendance. The Fall River meeting has helped various causes financially. There is a warm spirit of friendliness in the Monthly Meeting and we feel that we are Friends in actual fact and not in name only.

Our Lord in His Infinite Wisdom has deemed it wise at this time to call Home Willis H. White. This meeting feels lead to express our appreciation for the counsel, friendliness, and love we have received for so many years in fellowship with him. His ready aid in so many cases unknown to but the few in need, and his ability to correct us when necessary in such a loving manner, and above all his living the life of a Christian in his every day world, unchanging, and immovable from the path of his Savior and Lord, has given strength and courage to each of us. We give thanks to our Maker for such Friends as Willis White

We have been privileged to have with us at this Quarterly Meeting James Corey and George Selleck the latter bringing with him greetings from Cambridge

We close our meeting after a period of prayerful silence, adjourning to meet next at Portsmouth R.I. 8th mo if the Lord wills.

Dorothy F. Williamson
Clerk.

8th mo 3rd 1946

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry & Oversight held in Portsmouth R.I. 8th 3rd 1946

A time of meditation was held

The minutes of the last meeting were read & appr.

From accounts received it appears that representatives to this meeting are:- Swansea - Dorothy F. Williamson Susannah H. Lawton, Nathan Chace, Daniel P. Shore. of whom 2 are present.

Rhode Island:- Dorothy Milham, Isabelle Truax Charlotte Dewore, Hattie Angle - 3 are present

Prov. - (given by attending members - Louisa White Philip C. Gifford, Anna Foster. all are present

8 rep. in attendance and we enjoy the fellowship of other members.

a letter on the Spiritual condition of the meeting has been received from the pastor of the Saylesville meeting direct, and not through the Monthly Meeting as is customary, this epistle came too late to be read at the last meeting on M. & O. therefore was unable to have it approved by the meeting before being forwarded to Yearly Meeting. The clerk stated that all spiritual reports had been sent to Y. M. on M & O. including this one.

Representatives to Y. Meeting report their presence and gave vocal reports on the conditions as a whole throughout the Y. M. and remarked upon the effectiveness and directness of the clerk on Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting and his opening statements which were a challenge to every individual. 2 attended and Louisa White reported attendance at Y. M but not at the Ministry and Counsel Meeting

A general discussion upon the changing of the name of this meeting to Ministry and Counsel in accord with part 3 of the new proposed Discipline accepted at Yearly Meeting for trial this year was held. As the meeting was in disunity concerning this change, after prayer and meditation the clerk suggested we study the discipline in the coming months and perhaps at next meeting time ~~such~~ a decision might be reached.

This meeting did unite in the clerk sending the following minute to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommends to the Quarterly Meeting that word be sent to each monthly meeting urging these meetings to accept as a real responsibility the prayerful study of the new proposed Discipline during the fall and

winter months and that a report of criticisms
and suggestions be sent by February 15th
to Philip C. Gifford who is our Quarterly Meeting
representative on the committee which is to report
to the next Y. M.

We adjourn to meet next at Somerset
11th mo if the Lord will.

Dorothy T. Williamson
Clerk.

11th Mo 2nd 1946

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry
and Oversight held in Somerset 11th mo 2nd 1946

A time of Meditation was held.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

From accounts received it appears that
Repr. representatives to this meeting are:-
Swansea - Dorothy Williamson, David P. Shore
Cornelia P. Lockwood and Nathan Chase.
3 are present
Prov. - No written account received
Rhode Island - Alice Jackson, Susan [illegible] and
Marguerite [illegible] all are present

Elders Swansea Monthly Meeting M. and O. presents the
following names to serve as Elders for the period of
three years - Nathan Chase - Mary W. Harvey and
Cornelia P. Lockwood and the name of George H. Wild
to fill the unexpired term of E. Homer [illegible] for 2
yrs. - This meeting approves these appointments and
Swansea Monthly Meeting is at liberty to proceed
with their appointment

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on Ministry and
Oversight submits the following names to serve
as Elders for three years. - Charlotte Dunn
and Edwin Trout. These names have been
approved and Rhode Island Meeting will be so
informed.

The Queries [illegible] read at this time for both disciplines. The new proposed discipline and the one that has been used.

In helpfulness Jas. Corey reported upon a Q. M. Conference held at Allens Neck and Emmett Chapman gave vocal expression of the help received at this conference

after discussion It is the feeling of this meeting that a minute be sent to the local meetings, and one to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and the following minute to the clerk ~~has~~ will be forwarded

Minute to Q.M. The Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight is sending a minute to the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight suggesting that local study groups be formed for the study of the new proposed Discipline.

Following this idea thru the various meetings the meeting on Ministry and Oversight felt a concern that the Quarterly Meeting might see its way toward organizing a conference to be held in the spirit of unity and Christ, for further study of the Discipline together with any other concerns which may arise. Hoping that this conference might be held before the next Quarterly Meeting

The clerk is directed to send the minute to the local meetings as soon as possible

We note with pleasure the presence of Donald Cassell, the new pastor of Westport Meeting as well as that of Jas Corey and Emmett Chapman who has helped in this meeting

There being no other business we adjourn to meet next in Prov. 5th mo. if the Lord is willing

Dorothy G. Williamson
clerk.

5th mo 3rd 1947

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence R.I. 5th mo. 3rd 1947.

Prayer was offered by Elizabeth Trout.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

From accounts received it appears that the following are representatives to this meeting

Rhode Island – Harriet Angle, Isabel Truax, Marguerite Briggs and Alice R. Jackson. – all are present.

Prov. – Elizabeth Munroe, Elizabeth Foster, Millicent Foster of whom 2 are present

Swansea – Cornelia P. Lockwood, Susannah Lawton, Mary Harvey, Nathan Chace. – One is present.

7 representatives present at this time.

Y.M. Rep. – The names of Ruth White, Louisa White, Philip Gifford & Dorothy Williamson were offered as representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Counsel.

Nom. Comm. A nominating committee of Susan R. Trout and Anna Foster were named to bring forward to the next meeting names for Clerk and Asst. Clerk.

The Queries were read and considered.

Reports of Spiritual Conditions Reports on the Spiritual conditions of the local meetings were read at this time with Swansea given verbally:–

Rhode Island: – Our services are being held as usual First Day morning and evening, Sunday School and Mid-Week prayer meeting. The character of the ministry is well adapted to the needs of the people. Our pastors are faithful in giving the message and we believe have the same Spirit Paul had when he said, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel." We quote from George Fox's letter to the Barbados "And we own and believe that He was made a sacrifice for sin, who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; that He was crucified for us in the flesh, without the gates of Jerusalem; and that He was buried, and rose again the third day by the power of His Father, for our justification; and that He ascended up into Heaven and now sitteth at the right hand of God. This Jesus who was the foundation of the Holy phrophets and Apostles, our foundation and we believe there is no other foundation to be laid but that which is laid even Christ Jesus, who tasted death for every man, shed His blood for all men, is the propititation for our sins, and not for ours ~~only~~, but also for the sins of the whole world; according as John the Babtist testified of Him when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the World. John 1:29

Swansea- Meetings for worship are held in Fall River every other First-Day in the Y.M.C.A. except during the summer. There has been a marked increase in attendance, with a corresponding increase of interest in worship and service. No minister is in attendance, but different members take turns in assumming leadership of the meeting, and the number willing to help in this way is increasing. The service is helpful and a deep sense of worship and spiritual communion prevails. The meeting responds to the financial needs of various causes, and there is a generous willingness to co-operate with organizations for social and religious improvement. One member conducts a Loyal Temperance Legion. There is a warm spirit of friendliness in the meeting, and an increased sense of responsiblity toward the needs of a troubled world.

Swansea meeting - regretfully we report that family devotions still cease to have a prominent place in the homes of our members. We are rather pleased however to be able to report a larger attendance at our morning meetings for worship, than has been our privilege for several years back. There has been special meetings held to learn of Friendly ways, & study the new discipline, and to learn about what it involves to be a follower of Christ Jesus. These meetings were attended mostly by our young people & were a great help, in causing several of them to make decisions for Christ, & thereupon join the meeting. A V.B.S. was again held in July for 2 wks. and was well attended. This year a bus was hired to transport children from the neighboring churches. Most of our attendants have been faithful in giving of their means, but last June our former felt led to talk on tithing, and challenged us to try it till the Fall, at least, & see if we didn't receive a blessing, as promised in the scriptures. Evidently many did so, as the treasurers book shows an increase in receipts from that time forth, and more than one spoke of the results in their individual cases. We have co-operated with Lenten services in the community and in turn have invited the other churches to our Watch Night Services. Our Missionary Society is doing excellent work & our First Day Bible School is always alert to helping its members & to sending its mite to the missionaries & other needy, who are far away. Such a small group cannot do great things, but when we work together with a co-operative spirit in the name of the Master we feel that it is what He requires of us, & He will bless & multiply our effort.

Prov. M. Meeting The meeting for worship continues as the centre of our Monthly Meeting activities. The changes in a meeting come rather undramatically, so to most appearances our meeting is much the same as in our last report. Too many of our members attend only once in a while and seem not to feel the full responsibility which membership brings, and not realizing that to have a strong active meeting they must contribute their personal support.

Our meeting is conducted on the basis of silence. The ministry is active and shows spiritual depth most of the time. While there are several who sometimes minister to our needs, strongly we could wish for a larger number to participate in spoken worship. Some of the older Friends who were favored in this way have passed on and are much missed. - Our First Day School under the leadership of Emma McClelland seems to be growing somewhat in membership and interest. We have a number of regular attenders in the primary group, but the high school group, due perhaps to lack of numbers has not been active this year. Attendance of the adults has been better this year than usual and the cooperative study of the Gospels which this class has undertaken seems to have been of real value. - We believe that the publication of our Meeting Letter has been very much worth while. This little letter helps us to keep posted on meeting activities and also to keep in touch with each other. -

We have had a number of supper meetings which have been well attended and at which we have had interesting speakers and reports.

Members of our meeting who are at present in foreign service are Tabor Jenkins in China, Ralston Thomas and Mrs Thomas in Hungary and Barbara White in Ram Allah. We have frequent word from all of these. Hubert Stoddard has recently sailed for China.

The work of the sewing committee seems espically important at this time and we are grateful to those who assume the responsibility for this effort. – The most unusual activity of the Monthly Meeting is certainly the series of Radio broadcasts sponsored by our Peace Committee. These are presented every Sunday under the title of "The Quakers are Concerned". We have thirteen weeks of radio time over station WPRO. and we are discussing a number of subjects of interest to Friends. Among these are Peace, Relief work, Social Relations Education, labor relations and a number of other matters. Our message has probably not greatly affected the course of events in this community but at least we reach a greater audience than can be found within the walls of our meeting house and we know that at least a few of those who listen are interested and willing to share with us in some of our concerns.

In the course of the past year a very profound change has taken place in the character of Saylesville Meeting as will be seen from the following report:– ~~Under~~ During the first part of the year 1946 a small group of Saylesville Friends requested by letter to Prov. Mo. Meeting, that unprogrammed meetings for worship be established at the Saylesville Meeting House. This request was granted by Prov. Mo. Meeting and beginning June 16th. 1946 unprogrammed meetings have been held. These meetings, while small in number, have proven to be of true spiritual value to those in attendance. They have been strengthened by visits from Friends largely from Prov., who have taken part in the worship service typical of the faith that founded the place of worship at Saylesville more than two hundred years ago. The cordial fellowship between Prov. and Saylesville Meetings has greatly deepened in recent months. From this experience comes a desire to fashion our individual lives after the pattern of Him who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister".

A conference was held at Somerset in March under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. James Coney led the discussion on the new proposed Discipline.

and a general discussion on the subject was held. Edna Haviland showed an exhibit of Am. Friends Service Committee work. A supper of fellowship was enjoyed prepared and presented by Swansea Monthly Meeting. Moving pictures were shown by Jos. Corey at the evening service which was open to the public. A good number was in attendance and a feeling of understanding ~~was~~ among our members was felt.

We note the fellowship of James Corey at this time.

There being no further business we adjourn to meet 8th mo 2nd if the Lord wills.

Meeting closed with prayer by Marguerite Briggs

Marguerite Briggs Clerk for the day.

8th Mo. 2nd 1947

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held at Portsmouth Rd 8th 2nd 19[illegible]

After a period of meditation and waiting upon the Lord the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received it appears that representatives to this meeting are:-

Swansea - Dorothy F. Williamson*, Susanna Sutton and Laura Adaght - 1 is present.
Providence - Henry Foster, Philip Gifford, - both are present
Rhode Island - Alice Jackson, Isabelle Truax, Charlotte Deware, Harriet Angle. 2 - are present.

5 Representatives are in attendance at this time, we welcome fellowship of several members at this meeting

Representatives in attendance at Yearly Meeting gave reports ~~all~~ verbally at this time. Millicent Foster spoke of the concern expressed at Yearly Meeting upon local spiritual leadership.

The nominating Committee presents the following names for officers of this meeting for the next year

Dorothy F. Williamson Clerk

Marguerite D. Briggs Asst. Clerk.

This meeting unites in approving the names presented. The officers accepted after discussion and the approval of members to the suggestion presented to the clerk that the nominating committee appointed in the future would consult those to be appointed before presenting their names to the meeting for approval.

The Queries have been thoughtfully read.

We note with pleasure the presence of Donald Cassady, pastor of Newport Meeting and Albert Scott from a Young Friend of strong convictions.

The business of the meeting having been concluded we adjourn to meet in course of time if the Lord permit.

Dorothy F. Williamson, - clerk

11th mo 1st 1947

At The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Swansea 11th mo 1st 1947

A time of meditation was held.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts recieved it appears that Representatives to this meeting are:- Swansea – Laura Adeylot,
Dorothy Williamson, Mary A. Harvey. - 2 are present
Prov.- Millicent Foster Elizabeth Chace, Louisa White
and Philip Gifford. - 3 are present
Rhode Island - Marguerite Briggs, Susan R. Trout
Isabelle Truax and Alice R. Jackson - all are present.

There are 9 Representatives in attendance.

The Queries were read from the old & new Disciplines.

Millicent Foster spoke upon a very important part of our work today. Oftimes converts are harder to help, than those filled with enthusiasm in the new birth. She feels that we the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel have an active responsibility to know and feel the needs of Friends and to help them cultivate their Spiritual gifts; whatever they may be, doing all things possible under Divine Guidance and in constant prayer toward the "Building up of Believers."

We note with pleasure the presence of Arthur Jones clerk of the Yearly Meeting on his first visit to

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. He expressed satisfaction at being with us at this time.

There being no further business, we adjourn to meet next at Providence 5 mo 1948 if the Lord Will

Dorothy F. Williamson - clerk -

5th mo 1st. 1948

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Prov. 5th mo 1st 1948

A time of waiting upon the Lord prevailed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received the following are named as Representatives to this meeting.

Prov. - Millicent Foster +, Elizabeth Munroe - 1 in att.

R. I. - L. Dion Jackson, Harriet Angle, Isabel Truax, Elizabeth Trout. - all are present

Swansea Dorothy Williamson, Mary A. Harvey, Bertha Hathaway Laura Adeylot - 2 are in attendance.

7 Representatives are present and welcomed Frien

The names of Millicent Foster, Mary A. Harvey and Louisa White were offered as Representatives to Y. M. on M. & C. and met the approval of the meeting.

A nominating committee of L. Dion Jackson and Mary A. Harvey were named to bring forward at the next meeting, the names of Friends to serve as clerk and asst. clerk of this meeting for the coming year.

The Spiritual conditions summary prepared by the clerk from reports received was read and approved, and a copy is to be sent to Y. M. on M. & C.

Summary of Spiritual Reports.

Swansea reports increasing interest in the activit of the meeting, a concerned Missionary Society and individual concerns expressed in labour for the unfortunates at home and abroad. The D. V. B. School was again held in conjuction

Swansea - with the Ministerial association of the Town with 5 memb as workers. Week of Prayer and Lenten Services were also held under this sponsorship. His presence has been felt in our midst as we meet in Prayer Meetings and for Morning Worship.

Fall River reports an increase in attendance and interest
Fall Riv in the meetings for worship; and more seem willing to assume leadership responsibilities. They feel led to respond to financial requests from Y. M. both collectively and individually. One member is Pres. of the W.C.T.U. A deepening sense of responsibility toward others is shown and the Spirit of Friendliness prevails.

Saylesville – Altho few in number the meeting at Sayles- continues in silence as the basis for worship and is blest by the attendance of Geo. Wilkie. The Bible School has taken root and now has 17 enrolled. Members give praise for their faith and wait upon the Lord.

Prov. - First Day morning worship continues to be the basis for activities in Prov. The ministry is shared by several Friends and is healthy, active, and satisfying both in its vocal and silent feeding. A concern for greater participation by the young adults is felt, and when attending are gladly welcomed. The Peace Comm. is strong and has sponsored 2 meetings in opposition to M.T.; formed a speakers bureau which stands ready to provide speakers on U.M.T. to organizations. Has broadcast a series of records by the A. F. S. Com. over Station W.P.R.O. that has made an excellent impression. Two tons of clothing has been prepared and shipped by the Sewing Comm. First Day school is flourishing and several Service Comm. members from home and abroad have been heard, and inspiration added. Individual members labour locally for social welfare work. When gathered together in silent worship they hear the still small voice with its call to greater effort and devotion and so move forward with new courage and faith into the future.

Newport and Portsmouth - Newport and Portsmouth meetings are held regularly 1st Day morning and evening, with a Sunday School Hour and a Prayer Meeting held 4th day evening. Newport has an intercessory prayer meeting 6 day evening. Once a month a Missionary Meeting is held aft. & evening. Sewing in the aft and Missionary program in the evening. They feel the ministry is well adapted to suit the needs of the people. Newport has a real opportunity in ministering to the boys in the Navy. While in proportion to the large numbers stationed in Newport perhaps only a few attend the services, but there are some attending and conversions have been reported. The women of Portsmouth have been requested to take time each week day morning to pray for a revival in their individual lifes and for Christians throughout the world.

Having concluded the business before us we adjour to meet next in Portsmouth 8th mo the Lord Willing

Dorothy F. Williamson, clerk.

8th mo 7th 1948

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Portsmouth 8th mo 7th/48

A period of thanksgiving was held.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & appr.

From accounts received Representatives to this meeting are - Swansea - Bertha L. Hathaway, Dorothy F. Williams Mary A. Harvey+. - 2 are present.

Ptsm. - Millicent Foster+ and Philip C. Gifford
Rhode Island. 4 1 is in attendance

Harriet Angle, Isabelle Truex, Charlotte Dunare, L. Dion Jackson.

all are in attendance.

There are 7 Representatives present and interested Friends

Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held 6th mo. report all attended.

Philip C. Gifford states that the N. E. Comm. on the proposed Discipline is sending mimeographed copies of Part I to the monthly meetings for consideration, and the comm. would appreciate comments and suggestions on this material.

The Queries were read and thoughtfully considered

The nominating Committee report they were unable to fill the offices; and asked for nominations from the meeting. Sarah Newcome Gallagher has been asked to serve as clerk for the meeting and Maguerite Briggs as Assistant clerk. The meeting expresses their approval and they are appointed to serve the coming year.

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Dorothy Williamson had asked to be released from her ~~duties~~ services as clerk and this meeting wishes to express at this time the appreciation of the services Dorothy Williamson has rendered as clerk to the meeting. We are grateful for her faithfulness in performing her duties in a most loving and faithful manner
(*This portion was written by Marguerite Briggs, asst Clerk)

No further business appearing, we adjourn purposing to meet next at Swansea in the 11th mo. If the Lord permits.

Dorothy F. Williamson clerk

11th mo. 6th 1948

In Swansea ~~Providence~~
11th mo. 6th 1948

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Council held in Swansea 11th mo. 6th, 1948

A period of silence was held.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

From accounts received representatives to this meeting are: Swansea, - Mary A. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, Dorothy F. Williamson. - all are in attendance, Rhode Island: - Isabelle Truax, Dion Jackson, Harriet Angle, Susan R. Trout - all are in attendance. Providence: (by word of mouth) Ruth White, Sally Gallagher. 1 in attendance. Reasonable excuse sent by Sally Gallagher.

8 Representatives are present.

The Queries were read at this time and considered.

Wm. Hartnett expressed the concern that we continue to use the full name of Friends when they are appointed to committees, offices, or placed on our records.

Various Friends expressed their interest in our extending aid to the spiritual growth of our young people. Some suggestions were:

Showing in a loving manner, teaching, and above all being, an example for their growth in Grace.

Sending them to Young Friends Conferences so as to expose them to extremely high ideals.

Training them in Friends methods and the Testimony of The Society of Friends.

To take warning from other denominations and teach our young to love, cherish, respect and be loyal to the Society of Friends.

Jas. Coney states the youth of today is not ready to make the sacrifice demanded of Friends. We lose our youth because we demand so much, they are not willing to make that stand before the world. We have the responsibility to place before them, what we demand of them and let them know what it means to be a Friend.

We are living in a pagan world. The Society of Friends have always stood for a Testimony against these things. A few of our young Friends are witnessing to the world in jail for their stand against war, something Friends have had a definite stand on for years.

We should place squarely before them what it means and what may become of them, if they become Friends - perhaps jail or conscientious objectors camps.

Testimony was made that if one's life is committed unto Him, He will overrule by His Grace. His will - will be done in all things - if they are committed unto Him. Our young people should be told this and impress by testimony this truth to them.

We prayerfully seek His Guidance for our young and ask His aid in doing His will now and in the days to come.

There being no other business coming before us we adjourn to meet next fifth month, 1949, in Providence, The Lord willing. Dorothy F. Williamson
Clerk for the Day

Fifth Mo.
1949

Fifth Month 7th, 1949

The meeting opened with a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with a special word of commendation for the skill and care with which a rather prolonged discussion had been summarized.

From accounts received, the following Friends had been named as representatives to this meeting:

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting: Susan R. Trout, Harriet Angle x, L. Deon Jackson, and Isabelle Truax; three were present;

From Swansea Monthly Meeting: Bertha L. Hathaway, Ethel Frye, and Mary A. Harvey. All were present;

From Providence Monthly Meeting: Elizabeth Munroe, Emma MacClelland, and Henry C. Foster x. Two were present.

Eight representatives were present with other Friends, making fifteen altogether.

Bertha Hathaway and Sarah Gallagher accepted appointments as representatives to the New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Council.

The Nominating Committee to bring forward at the next meeting the names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting for the coming year was named as follows: Louisa White, Deon Jackson, and Mary A. Harvey.

The clerk understood — but was mistaken in so understanding — that a report of the spiritual condition of each of the member Monthly Meetings should be presented at this meeting. And it was an odd circumstance that among those present there was no one who realized the change of procedure that had been

5th Month 1949 (continued) established at the 1948 Yearly Meeting, whereby these reports were to be presented at the Quarterly Meetings instead of at the Meetings on Ministry and Council.

This was explained later. These reports had all been duly sent to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

However, at the Meeting on Ministry and Council, the lack of these reports and the lack of information as to their whereabouts, caused uneasiness.

Doubtless owing to the time consuming and disturbing situation of the lack of the expected reports, no further business was brought forward.

The Queries were read and considered.

The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet in Portsmouth Eighth Month 6, the Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Clerk

8th Month 6 1949 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, held at Portsmouth Eighth Month 6, 1949, opened with a period of silent waiting upon the Lord.

In the absence of the clerk the clerk for the day was named from the floor, Ruth White.

The Minutes of the previous meeting ~~was~~ were read and approved.

Representatives from the three constituent Meetings were as follows:

From Swansea Monthly Meeting, Bertha Hathaway, Mary A. Harvey, and Dorothy Williamson; Two were present. ~~From Rho~~

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Isabelle Truaf and Deon Jackson. One was present.

From Providence Monthly Meeting

Louisa White and J. Rudolf Metz. One was present.

Four representatives and ten other Friends were present.

It was reported that Bertha Hathaway and Sarah Gallagher had attended New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The Nominating Committee brought forward the name of Sarah N. Gallagher for clerk, and the Meeting approved the nomination.

The Nominating Committee had no name to bring forward for assistant clerk. This matter was referred back to the Nominating Committee.

Millicent Foster reminded us of our responsibility as members of this Committee even though reports on the spiritual conditions no longer come to us.

Ruth White told of a pamphlet published by the Five Years Meeting on the duties of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel. It was decided to ask the clerk to recommend to the Clerks of the Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel that they provide each of their members with one of these, or at least suggest that they make a study of it.

The Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet in Swansea 11th Month 5, the Lord willing.

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1949
11th mo. 5th

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel, Eleventh Month fifth, 1949, at Swansea.

The meeting opened with a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received the representatives to this meeting were:

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Isabelle Truax, Susan R. Trout, L. Deon Jackson, and Harriet E. Angle. All were present.

From Swansea Monthly Meeting Mary A. Harvey, Bertha L. Hathaway, and Ethel J. Frye. ~~All~~ Two were present.

From Providence Monthly Meeting Anna Foster and Ruth D. B. White. Both were present.

The Nominating Committee brought forward the name of Marguerite Briggs for assistant clerk, and the nomination being approved by the meeting she took her place.

Eight representatives and several other very welcome Friends were present.

One item from the "Handbook for Elders and Overseers", (Quaker Hill pamphlet No. 2) was discussed rather at length. This was question 4, page 9, under "Questions to Stimulate Discussion".

"An increasing number of meetings name elders and overseers for three year periods with the provision that individuals may not succeed themselves more than once. (Or they may serve six out of every seven years.) Give advantages of this plan; disadvantages".

Almost every one present expressed an opinion on this proposition, and the opinions expressed were unanimously against it. It was felt that continuous attendance throughout the years at these special meetings builds up a knowledge of and concern for the spiritual welfare of the meetings which cannot be attained in any other way. And that to break the continuity for a year, even at long intervals, would mean a loss of contact with the Meeting.

The Queries from the new Discipline were read.

The Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again in Providence in Fifth Month 1950, The Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Clerk.

1950
~~Sixth Mo.~~
Fifth Mo. 6th

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held in Providence Fifth Month sixth, 1950

The meeting opened with a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after one correction were approved.

From accounts received the representatives from the three constituent Monthly Meetings were as follows:

From Rhode Island Isabelle Tmaf, Susan R. Trout, Harriet Angle, L. Deon Jackson; all were present;

From Swansea, Bertha Hathaway, Ethel J. Frye, Mary A. Harvey; all were present;

From Providence (Millicent S. Foster, Robert Burgess, Sarah N. Gallagher; all were present.

Ten representatives and several other Friends were present.

A Nominating Committee to nominate

a clerk and an assistant clerk was named from the floor as follows: Ruth White, L. Deon Jackson, Bertha Hathaway.

Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel were named from the floor: Ruth White, Ethel J. Frye, and Philip S Gifford.

Discussion of the question in the Handbook for Elders and Overseers, page 9, question 4, on the subject of continual serving, year after year, on the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, was continued. This subject was first broached at the Eleventh Month, 1949, meeting. At that meeting all the opinions that were expressed were in favor of continuous service with re-appointment at the end of each term of service.

But at the Fifth Month meeting the discussion was continued to the effect that at that meeting opinion was not unanimous, for that at least the unspoken opinion had been that an occasional change in the personnel of this Committee might be advantageous for the Meeting, and that younger members should be admitted from time to time.

Also, it was mentioned that personal considerations of health or circumstance might make the remission of this responsibility for a year very advantageous, and that failure of re-appointment should not be considered tantamount to censure.

The Queries from the new Discipline were read.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in Portsmouth Eighth Month, fifth, the Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher,
Clerk

1950
Eighth
~~Seventh~~
Month 5th.

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island eighth month fifth, 1950

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

As the clerk was absent, Millicent S. Foster was named clerk for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received, the following have been named representatives to this meeting:

Providence:
Ruth D. B. White
Anna Foster (in place of Elizabeth Chace)
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
Alice R. Jackson
Harriett E. Angle
Elizabeth J. Trout
Isabelle Truax
Swansea:
Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey
Ethel J. Frye

Seven representatives and seven other Friends were present

All of this meeting's representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel attended. Ruth D. B. White reported on that meeting held last June.

The Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Sarah N. Gallagher for Clerk and Ethel J. Frye as assistant, and the meeting approved. These Friends are appointed for the following year or until further appointment is made.

The Queries were read.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in Swansea, Eleventh month 4th., if the Lord is willing.

Millicent S. Foster
Clerk for the day.

1950
11th. mo. 4th. At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at South Somerset, Mass. Eleventh month fourth, 1950.

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received, the following have been named representatives to this meeting:

From Providence Monthly Meeting
Sarah N. Gallagher
Henry C. Foster
one was present

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
L. Dion Jackson
Harriett Angle
Susan R. Trout
Isabelle Truax
three were present

From Swansea Monthly Meeting
Mary A. Harvey
Bertha L. Hathaway
Nathan Chace
Ethel J. Frye
three were present

Seven representatives and eleven other Friends were present.

The clerk read from Chapter II of the "Handbook for Elders + Overseers", which presents the Qualifications of

Elders. This chapter holds the standard for elders very high – so high that much heart-searching as to our worthiness could not but follow, and an earnest petitioning for God's help to better fit us for our duties.

The Queries from the New Discipline were read and considered.

No other business appearing, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in Providence Fifth month fifth, 1951, the Lord willing.

Ethel J. Frye
Assistant Clerk

1951 5th. mo, 5th. At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Providence, R.I. Fifth month fifth, 1951.

The meeting opened with a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received, the following have been named representatives to this meeting.

From Providence Monthly Meeting
Millicent S. Foster (ab.)
Sarah N. Gallagher
one was present

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
Susan R. Trout
Marguerite Briggs
L. Leon Jackson
Harriett E. Angle
all were present

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(continued)

From Swansea Monthly Meeting
Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey
Ethel J. Frye
all were present

Eight representatives and four other Friends were present.

Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel to be held at Andover, Mass. on Tuesday, sixth month 19th., 1951 were named from the floor as follows:-
Sarah N. Gallagher
Anna Foster
Mary A. Harvey

Russell Brooks spoke of the plans which have been made for the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. The topic chosen for this meeting is "The Basis of Membership in the Society of Friends". There will be an open discussion on this topic. Russell Brooks brought to our attention the great differences existing among Friends Meetings in regard to qualifications considered necessary for acceptance into membership. It is hoped that this discussion may form the beginning of a gradual move among Meetings to equalize these differences.

A nominating committee to nominate a clerk and assistant clerk was named from the floor as follows:-
Henry C. Foster
Bertha L. Hathaway
Mary A. Harvey

If the union of Rhode Island and Narragansett Quarterly Meetings is completed before our next meeting, this

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5th. mo. 5th
(continued) committee will work with the nominating committee appointed from Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The Clerk at this time expressed the best wishes of this meeting to the group who are leaving us to join with Ohio Yearly Meeting, hoping that in union with them they may find their needs fulfilled.

Anna Foster expressed the concern that whatever steps this departing group may take in the future, the needs of their young people may receive the most careful consideration. When a meeting is a member of a distant Yearly Meeting it is difficult and costly to attend their Yearly Meetings and the young people miss the fellowship with other young people of their Yearly Meeting.

L. Dean Jackson and Susan Trout spoke in appreciation of the spirit of love in which the transfer has been carried out.

The Queries were read and considered.

No further business appearing, the Meeting adjourned, the time and place of next meeting being left for further notice.

Ethel J. Frye
Assistant Clerk

1951
7th mo. 21 At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held in conjunction with Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Smith Mills, Mass. Seventh month 21st, 1951

The Clerk opened the meeting with this quotation.

"Remember that this is the Lord's

business and be sure it is done in decency and order."

The Clerk of Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel disposed of their necessary business and their final minute was prepared and read.

The minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved.

From accounts received, the following have been named representatives to this meeting;

From Providence Monthly Meeting
Sarah N. Gallagher
William Foster
Rudolph Metz
all were present.

From Swansea Monthly Meeting
Mary A. Howard
Bertha L. Hathaway
Ethel J. Frye
all were present.

As Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been transferred to Ohio Yearly Meeting no representatives from that were present.

Representatives from this Quarterly Meeting to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Andover, Mass. Sixth month 19th, 195[illegible], reported that all were able to attend.

No other business appearing the closing minute was prepared and approved.

Closing Minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel;

At this time and with the consent

of all and with the approval of New England Yearly Meeting, we propose to unite with Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to form a joint meeting to be called the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Ethel J Frye
Assistant clerk
(Copied by Marian B Goodwin)